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U.S. Aid For China

Marshall To Meet Special Envoys

Washington, Jan. 9.—Secretary George Marshall said he planned personal conferences with two special envoys Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has dispatched to consult with the administration on plans for aid to China.

The State Department indicated the envoys are expected to arrive this week and that the Chinese Embassy said it might be later. "As far as we know, they have not yet left China," an Embassy spokesman said. "They may be delayed arriving here," but he declined to indicate when they are expected. The administration's China aid programme which Mr. Marshall forecast was likely to require an estimated \$500,000,000 over 15 months beginning in April has been worked out in full detail but still requires several decisions.

"INTRICATE AFFAIRS"

"These decisions," said Mr. Marshall, "involve other governmental agencies and are intricate monetary affairs."

That the plan will be placed before Congress shortly was indicated when newsmen asked if the plan would be presented within a matter of weeks. Mr. Marshall replied he could not say it would be delayed but long.

Chinese envoys Yu Tzu-wai and Tsai Tzu-ye are expected to be given an opportunity to state their views on the plan before Congress.

Mr. Marshall, speaking of other matters, said he understood that the latest Soviet proposal demanding a big four meeting on a Japanese peace settlement has been turned down by the United States and probably by the British and the United States.

He said he sees virtually no change in this proposal from an earlier Soviet plan which the United States rejected. Russia wants to keep the great power of veto over a Japanese settlement; the United States does not. Associated Press.

Fishermen Rescued

San Francisco, Jan. 9.—Pacific Far East Lines said today that five Japanese fishermen, who had been drifting without food since December 16 from their disabled ship Rikuko Maru, were rescued 700 miles east of Okinawa by the PFE freighter Fleetwood.

It said the Fleetwood was bringing the men to San Francisco unless it was able to transfer them to a Japanese ship.—United Press.

Trouble In Italy

Rome, Jan. 9.—Political agitation spread in Italy today, provoking one shooting, twelve strikes, a bombing attack and mounting disorder.

The increasingly bitter fight between moderate government and extreme Leftist parties affected about 200,000 workers, including 60,000 bank workers whose strike for higher pay paralyzed the payroll of hundreds of thousands of non-strikers.

Four carabinieri were ambushed on the outskirts of Palermo and one of them was killed.

Left Wing Socialist headquarters at Camporeale, close to Trapani, Sicily, were damaged by a heavy explosion but there were no casualties. — United Press.

AMERICA BOLSTERS TURKISH NAVY

WARSHIPS & SUBMARINES

Washington, Jan. 9.—The Navy disclosed today the bolstering of anti-Communist Turkey's naval power with 15 ships, including four 1,500-ton submarines. The ships are being turned over to the Turkish Navy under the \$400,000,000 programme to help Greece and Turkey hold out against Communist pressure.

Turkey's share in the all military programme is \$100,000,000. The submarines are unmodernised craft built in 1944 but are still capable of 10 torpedoes on a single patrol.

The Navy is also preparing for delivery to Turkey eight motor minesweepers, one gasoline tanker, one repair ship and one net laying craft.

Turkey controls the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, strategically vital straits linking the Black Sea and the Mediterranean. The Turkish control over these narrow waterways would, in the event of hostilities, serve to keep Russia's Black Sea naval forces bottled up. Nearly one half of the Black Sea's coastline belongs to Turkey.

RUSSIA'S STRENGTH

Turkey already has 10 old submarines. Russia is vastly more powerful in both surface and undersea strength but presumably most of the Soviet naval power is in the Baltic.

Russia obtained many of Germany's most modern subs after the

Paratroopers Attack With 3-Inch Mortars

Jerusalem, Jan. 9.—Royal Air Force planes and troops of the crack Cavalry Regiment, the 17th/21st Lancers today routed a force of Arabs, 600 strong, who had swooped on two Jewish settlements near the Syrian-Palestine border. Paratroopers, who were also rushed to stem the Arab attacks, used three-inch mortars to scatter the raiders and break the cordon round the settlements.

Official casualties in the fighting were tonight given as three Jews dead and eight wounded. Some casualties were inflicted on the Arabs, it was believed. Earlier reports said that one Jew was killed and six wounded. British troops drove off the attackers after rushing to the area in response to SOS messages sent before the settlements were surrounded and cut off by the tribesmen.

The two settlements, on the slopes of Mount Terman, are named Kar Seld and Tel El Qunda, both close to the Syrian border.

The siren sounded in Jerusalem today for the first time in six weeks when a bomb, wrapped in brown paper, was thrown at an Arab bus near the Ottoman Bank, injuring two Arabs.

The Arab Office in London—an information office of the Arab League—stated tonight that "there were strong rumours that the British Government have agreed that American Marines be landed in Palestine to protect American institutions."

"If these rumours are true, the Arabs will take the gravest possible objection to what Great Britain has done."

The concurrence of Britain in any such move would, in the first place, be a very serious breach of her undertaking that until she renounces the mandate, she would exercise undivided responsibility in Palestine, refuses to share the authority with anyone else, and maintains the status quo.

DANGEROUS PRINCIPLE

"By agreeing to American military personnel in any numbers, or for any purpose, to come to Palestine at this stage, Britain would be admitting a principle of dangerous and incalculable consequences."

"Once this principle is admitted, the door will be open to foreign military intervention in the Palestine situation and Britain would have been instrumental in allowing this intervention to begin under protection and while she was still responsible for the government of Palestine."

"She will thus, before withdrawing, have let in those who are the declared supporters of the Zionist cause and opponents of the Arabs."

"Her last action in the Palestine tragedy will be to make her most hateful to the Arabs as her last, and no claim she may make after this that she is withdrawing as an impartial manner will have any substance in Arab eyes."

"The arrival of American military personnel in Palestine, no matter in what guise or how few, will not intimidate the Arabs."

On the contrary, they will see in it a reckless provocative challenge to which they will react with increased anger and determination. "It is futile for America to think that she can protect her widespread interests in the whole of the Arab world by sending some military personnel to Palestine."

LAKE SUCCESS MEETING

At Lake Success, the first meeting of the United Nations Palestine Commission opened today, and Dr. Karel Lisicky, of Czechoslovakia, was unanimously chosen as Chairman of the Commission. Dr. Lisicky had been a member of the Special Committee on Palestine.

Dr. Lisicky said that he considered the Commission would be the "temporary executive organ" of the General Assembly, that it would not be free to alter the Assembly directives because it was not a policy-making body.

The political moves which might become necessary would have to be taken by the Security Council, he said.

"We are ready to do our very best to the full extent of our possibilities. But nobody can expect miracles from five lonely pilgrims who, at the moment, have only the flag of the United Nations as their means of enforcing partition."

Senor Raul Diez de Medina, of Bolivia, was unanimously chosen as Vice-Chairman.

Dr. Lisicky proposed that the Secretary General of the United Nations invite representatives of Britain, the Arab Higher Com-

SINGAPORE STRIKE

Singapore, Jan. 9.—A strike of 5,000 dockers which started today threatens to paralyse the port of Singapore tomorrow.

The men stopped work when the Harbour Board refused the demands made on Wednesday for treble pay for night work, an extra meal a day, bonuses and other improved conditions.

Fifteen per cent of the dockers returned to work tonight.—Reuter.

German Workers Demonstrate

Essen, Germany, Jan. 9.—Demonstrating against the food shortage in Essen's former Hitler Square today, 30,000 striking Essen workers, including 1,000 miners, cheered enthusiastically for the "future undivided German Republic."

They were some of the 50,000 who downed tools at noon in a five-hour general protest strike.

Gas, water, electric and railway workers joined the strike, and long distance trains were diverted to other points.

At Solingen, Germany's "Sheffield", 15,000 strikers demonstrated in front of the town hall, demanding more food and exemplary punishment of blackmarketers and ration card forgers.

DOCK WORKERS RETURN

Only essential services, such as gas and water supply and the power station, were working today in Solingen, where a 48-hour stoppage began last night, according to the German news service in the British Zone. The tram service was not running.

Most of the 12,000 Hamburg dock workers who have been on strike for the past four days in protest against the food situation returned to work today, apparently because they realised that a continuation of the strike would jeopardise the food supplies.

Workers at the demonstration carried placards reading: "The Unity of Germany will end Hunger."

There have been no disturbances in the Essen district and the security authorities expect a peaceful return to work tomorrow.—Reuter.

H.K.-Canton Radio Telephone

A radio-telephone service between Hongkong and Canton was opened this morning at 10 o'clock, when H. E. the Governor (Sir Alexander Grantham) spoke from Government House to Mr. T. V. Soong in Canton.

The telephone was informed that the service is to be operated on a temporary basis to enable the public to make use of it while negotiations on the terms for sharing revenue are carried out.

ANTI-SMUGGLING AGREEMENT

Nanking, Jan. 10.—As a result of negotiations conducted in Hongkong and London, the British authorities were reported last night to have accepted the Chinese proposal for an agreement designed to curb smuggling activities in Hongkong and Kowloon.

The signing of the agreement is said to be slated for January 12, and among other things the pact provides the stationing of Chinese Customs inspection personnel in Hongkong and Kowloon operating with British assistance.—Reuter.

NEW ATTEMPT TO BE MADE ON AIR RECORD

A flying jet-propelled De Havilland Vampire fighter on August 31 piloted by Captain Cunningham averaged 400.88 mph beating the record of 403.88 mph created in 1946 by Lieutenant R. Baird of the United States Auxiliary Air Force in a Lockheed Shooting Star.

Squadron Leader Waterson hopes to exceed 500 mph in the same type of aircraft that won world speed records in 1945 and 1946. It has been reported from the United States that an attempt is being made there

Europe's Endeavours To Recover From War

Strongly Defended By U.S. Diplomat

Washington, Jan. 9.—Mr. Lewis Douglas, the United States Ambassador to Britain, today defended the 16 Western European nations against Congressional accusations of inefficiency and bungling in handling their own recovery problems.

"It is easy for us to view policies and what appears to be vacillation and timidity of some of these countries with distant criticism, but I venture to say that if we had the same troubles, we would do little better than they have done."

Mr. Douglas, giving evidence during the second day of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings on the Marshall Plan, said that the policies of some European governments were certainly in part open to criticism, "but principally today's crisis is due directly to the war and to no other cause."

Echoing Mr. Marshall's warning, Mr. Douglas said that Europe might descend to dictatorship of a police state "if we do nothing or do something inadequately."

ARMED CAMP DANGER

Referring to Europe's spheres of influence over the Mediterranean and North Africa and points farther afield, Mr. Douglas declared: "If Europe should fall, these extraordinarily strategic points would be lost to us with incalculable consequences."

"We would live in an armed camp. We would be subjected to a variety of controls and regulations incompatible with our present way of life."

"Like Mr. Marshall, he declared: 'We must be careful not to interfere with the internal affairs of these countries or impose undesirable conditions on the granting of aid.'

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, interrupting Mr. Douglas, said that he intended to write into the Marshall Plan bill a specific condition that the continuity of aid would be contingent on the European countries continuing their self-help effectively.

CUSTOMS UNION BLOCKED

Mr. Douglas accused Russia and the Eastern European countries of attempting to block the Western European efforts to form a customs union.

"There was a period last winter when four countries of Western Europe (he did not name them) planned to start discussions for the formation of a customs union."

"Bluntly they were told that coal supplies for Eastern Europe, especially Poland, would be cut off if they went ahead with this scheme."

Mr. Douglas said that one difficulty blocking an effective customs union between the Marshall Plan countries was Britain's close trade ties with members of the Commonwealth.

Repeatedly he warned against the cutting of American contribution to the scheme, declaring: "One of the most extravagant and wasteful things this Congress could do would be to so reduce the total programme as to turn it into mere relief and thereby damage the whole project."

Mr. Douglas said that inflation in the Western Hemisphere since last October had reduced the net worth of the \$8,600 million proposed American contribution for the first 15 months of \$400,000,000.—Reuter.

British Loan For Malaya

London, Jan. 10.—A Colonial Office spokesman said on Friday that the preliminary financial negotiations between Malaya and the United Kingdom including a possible British loan, are nearly completed.

Details were not disclosed. Financial Secretary W. D. Goddall of Malaya is expected to leave for Singapore next Tuesday and, if approval is granted, he will come back to London to wind up the negotiations.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Plan To Save Europe

WITH painful truth Mr. George Marshall told Congress on Thursday that "though war has ended, peace has not commenced." This is the challenging situation confronting the world today which, if not rapidly corrected, must in due course develop into yet another war of universal proportions. What to do about it? Mr. Marshall has a plan which, while not expected to bring prosperity and contentment overnight to the desolate and bankrupt countries of Europe, is calculated to help them once again to become self-supporting.

Russia views the Marshall proposals with frank suspicion, openly describing them as a means of making the recipients but vassals of Wall Street. But the weakness of the Soviet complaint is that Moscow has no alternative plan of sufficient scope to offer her own economy and means of production having been seriously crippled by the war, Russia is in no position to assume the role of universal provider which Mr. Marshall suggests for the United States. Russia's sneers and lies are therefore probably motivated more by sour grapes than by serious belief that the Marshall Plan is a significant attempt by American capitalism to purchase the economic and financial soul of Europe. Europe lies in ruins, physically and spiritually, and the longer she remains in that state, the greater the threat to

peace. Hunger, homelessness and unemployment are natural fertilisers for discontent which in due course leads to anarchy and bloodshed. Mr. Marshall whose personal honesty of purpose could never be questioned, has appreciated this, and the result is a plan of practical assistance which, if put into proper effect, offers the only immediate hope for economic and political stability in Europe. One of the qualities of the Marshall Plan is that it does not propose carelessly to distribute monetary largesse to all and sundry, but it provides for allocations of essential commodities by which hunger will be appeased and agriculture and heavy industries restored. Thus grain, coal, steel, machinery and petroleum are to be made available, and only on condition that they are utilised to the fullest possible gain. The theory of the Marshall Plan is that with means of production restored, Europe will develop her export markets to such an extent that she will be able to self-finance future expansion and make it unnecessary to borrow further dollars. So far as Britain is concerned the Marshall programme offers limited benefits, but she cannot be expected to regard with enthusiasm the directive that shipbuilding be curtailed, for it is this particular industry at home which needs to be greatly expanded. Regarded in its fullest form, however, the Marshall Plan is both generous and courageous.

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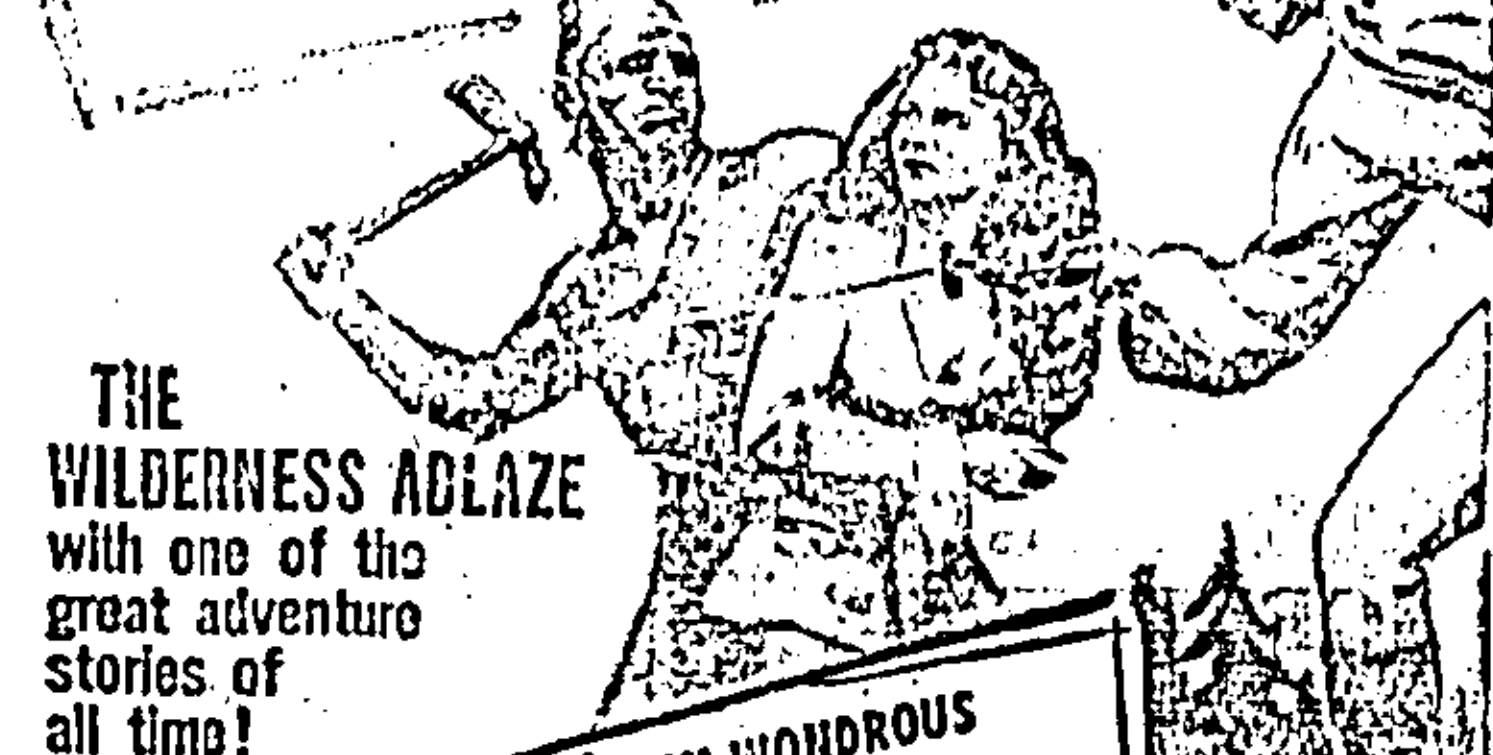
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THE FIRST LADIES OF THE BOX-OFFICE..

By STEPHEN
WATTS

ONE of those research bureaus which canvass public opinion has just completed a poll on the somewhat ambiguous question, "Who is the First Lady of the Screen?"

The winners are: Ingrid Bergman, Bette Davis and Greer Garson (left to right above). The voting was close.

This was an American poll, but it happens that I have been questioning a particularly well-informed individual about feminine star popularity in Britain.

I guarantee his reliability and impartiality. He knows the cinema backwards and has no axe to grind. And his unhesitating answer put the same three names in his top four. The only difference is that in the British box-office there is the formidable native contender, Margaret Lockwood.

My informant varies the order of the three Hollywood names, and brackets Misses Lockwood and Bergman in first place, the two dream girls of the film exhibitor. American has had little chance to see Miss Lockwood yet.

The point is that star appeal is clearly universal. Whatever the differences of taste in films between the Middle West and Middle Wallop, the taste in people is much the same.

Niven again

David Niven were not a modest man, given to taking a deprecatory view of his own abilities and eminence, he might be getting a bit above himself these days. No Royal.

33 YEARS MARRIED—AND HAPPY

By PATRICIA CLARY

FRANK MORGAN, celebrating his 33rd wedding anniversary, suggests the secret of a third of a century of wedded bliss.

"Don't ask questions," the movie and radio comedian muttered. "You may get an answer!"

Morgan says the rule applies to married or unmarried men. There was the time, he recalled, when he was working as a brush salesman, before he became an actor.

"My first customer was a gorgeous blonde," Morgan uttered. "Turning on the natural Morgan charm, I made rapid progress. She bought seven toothbrushes."

"Foolishly I asked a question. 'Why seven?' She said they were for herself, her husband and five children."

Morgan said the answer shattered what might have been a lasting friendship.

Rule for Women

The second rule for the Morgan marriage is for ladies: never keep your husband waiting.

"Once he starts looking at the clock, he's losing interest," Morgan declared. "It's only a short stop until he starts looking at something else."

Morgan said his latest movie, "Green Dolphin Street," proves that it doesn't pay to keep a lady waiting either.

"I woo actress Gladys Cooper," he explained. "Naturally, she reciprocated, but I have to leave for several years."

"On my return I find her married with two grown daughters. Things like that can break an engagement."

Morgan, who recently won the Honolulu yacht races, advises husbands to let the mate take the wheel occasionally.

Against Priming

But he was firm on the question of roadside repairs.

"Never," he told viewers. "It's disillusioning. Above all, don't leap to meet your husband with cold cream smeared all over your face. He may have a weak heart."

When a man is sick, the happy marriage expert said, he wants pampering. When he's blue, he needs cheering up.

"But most wives do just the opposite," he sighed.

The correct treatment of a sick husband is to draw the shades, play him with pills and ice packs and leave him alone.

"Alone," said Morgan, "he has a chance to think about what a wonderful wife he has."

Command film show, it appears, is complete without him.

In 1946, the first such show featured "A Matter of Life and Death," in which he starred.

In 1947, he was on view again, in "The Bishop's Wife," the "dark horse" Goldwyn picture which has been chosen as Hollywood's best for the occasion.

Filming on ice

THE diligent reader of screen credit titles will have noticed the name of Osmond Borradaile. He is the leading specialist in his own line. He supplies far-flung backgrounds.

He went to Australia for "The Overlanders," India for "Sanders of the River," Canada for "The 40th Parallel" and so on.

Hollywood used him to provide the big game stuff from Kenya for "The Macomber Affair."

Now the Ealing film, "Scott of the Antarctic," has taken him into new territories.

Thriving on difficulties, he has had a wonderful six months in the Antarctic. He and his assistant had to climb a 600ft. hill of solid ice every day before starting work.

Is Hollywood Red?

BEHIND the free circus—free, that is, except for what it is costing the taxpayer—in progress, in

Washington, with film stars testifying against one another's politics, there is one really baffling idea. The investigating committee is apparently convinced that Communist influence is subverting Hollywood films.

I suggest that if a sample million feet of celluloid were sifted for social content the result would hardly be visible to the naked eye.

But lest I am charged with impertinence in commenting on what is an American domestic affair, let me quote a native source.

Total vacuum

WOLCOTT GIBBS, a precise and deadly deflator of pretensions, recently wrote, on retiring from the searing task of film criticism, that "a series of strict, external codes governing their (films) political and moral content has been imposed."

These restrictions, he concluded, make Hollywood's average film what it is—"an astounding parody of life devoted to a society in which anything is physically and materially possible, including perfect happiness, to a race of people who operate intellectually on the level of the New York Daily News, morally on that of Dayton, Tennessee, and politically and morally in a total vacuum."

Stars eat fire, fight wild bulls

HOLLYWOOD.

A STAR'S LIFE is never dull—he might be called on at any moment to become a wild-animal trainer, fencer or flier.

No matter how big a name a star may have, he or she has to go on learning.

John Blondell, for her role in "Nightmare Alley," a story of carnival life, had to learn to become a fire-eater in one week!

Errol Flynn and Tyrone Power hold more "degrees" than any other film celebrities. They've taken about all the courses Hollywood can offer.

Power once said: "The studio has spent thousands on my education. I hold degrees in fighting bulls, fencing, playing the violin, ice-skating, shooting and riding."

Grant and Loretta Young both went through an intensive course in ice-skating for "The Bishop's Wife." Sam Goldwyn's, Royal Command Performance film.

Neither of them had ventured on skates before.

Rex Harrison was taught by magician Harry Mendoza to perform fancy shuffles for his role as a card sharp in "The Foxes of Harrow."

Mendoza also coached Veronica Lake in card tricks for her early film, "This Gun for Hire."

For "The Foxes of Harrow," Rex Harrison also had to learn to jump a high fence on horseback.

As handsome stars often have to show proficiency in many sports, boxing and fencing instructors do big business here.

John Garfield and Mickey Rooney are the two latest boxing experts. They had to learn for their roles in "Body and Soul" and "Killer McCoy."

It takes weeks to teach a star with no musical experience to fake piano-playing convincingly.

Barbara Stanwyck, Katharine Hepburn, Robert Alda and many others have put on a show very successfully in this way.

Studios find they must "cram" their actors.

Unless players look as though they really are the experts they are supposed to be, fans deluge them with letters of protest.

THEATRE Directory.

QUEEN'S—Three Little Girls in Blue (June Haver, George Montgomery)

KING'S—Kitty (Paulette Goddard, Ray Milland)

LEE—Angel on My Shoulder (Paul Muni, Anne Baxter, Claude Rains)

CENTRAL—Teheran (Derek Farr, Maria Labarr)

ORIENTAL—National Velvet (Mickey Rooney, Elizabeth Taylor)

CATHAY—Lady in the Dark (Ginger Rogers, Ray Milland)

ALHAMBRA—Last of the Redmen (Jon Hall)

MAJESTIC—To Each His Own (Olivia de Havilland)

STAR—My Reputation (Barbara Stanwyck)

Fans from the farm belts watch films critically. That's why Van Johnson was coached in milking and other rural tasks for his part in "Romance of Rosy Ridge."

ITALIANS ARE ARDENT FILM FANS

By FRANK BRUTTO

ROME.—Despite strikes, disorders, political unrest and rationed paper supplies, the Italian press gives space to Hollywood stars and starlets who come to Italy.

Italians dote on American movies, and their stars are for them the acme of that Never-Never Land—America—from where more than a thousand ships laden with food, fuel and clothing have sailed to Italy.

Italy, for the big and little stars' press agents, is a dream. Visitors from Hollywood are gladly viewed and thoroughly interviewed, even when mobs are demonstrating in the streets.

Traffic Jam

Tyrone Power, who was here in his own plane, caused as big a traffic jam as did the funeral for Gervasio Federici, youthful Christian Democrat killed in a street fight with Communists on the eve of Rome's municipal elections last October.

At a heavy traffic angle of Via Sistina, a safe window sports a leggy picture of Linda Christian, and under it—for those who just possibly might have missed it in the newspaper—an account of the havoc her eyes have wrought on men.

"Five men," says the caption, "have committed suicide because of her eyes."

She Caused It!

At the height of Milan's "Umbrella Insurrection" in November 1947, when thousands of demonstrators thronged around that industrial city's prefecture, the Rome's paper, La Repubblica, reported that Linda was in Milan, and that, perhaps, "was the cause of the trouble."

Rita Hayworth, who has also visited Italy, is known here as "La Troppo Bella"—the Too Beautiful.

Italian newspapers like to point to her Latin surname of Cansino and come without further ado, say she is an Italian. Her ex-husband, "Wonder Boy" Orson Welles, here for the lead part in "Cagliostro," now being filmed, immediately appeared in whiskered profile in the Italian press.

Others who recently have been given much of Italy's one and two sheet newspaper space include Nancy Guild, who was the leading feminine lead in "Cagliostro," and Janis Carter, here for the filming of "Eternal Melody," based on the music and story of Puccini's "La Boheme."—Associated Press.

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Cudahy, 23, has realised an ambition to get away from the meat packing business and has wrapped up his talents in founding a gramophone recording company.

Mike not only founded his own company but he has been the inventor of several novel devices in the recording business.

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Paul Holt's Thinking Aloud

IT WAS YOU CAN'T HAVE YOUR CAKE AND EAT IT

Vyacheslav Serbin, popularly known as Molotov, learned this ageing truth the hard way, and said goodbye to the other three Foreign Ministers with a look of frank disbelief on his face.

His going left Britain very much where she was before, embattled on behalf of her old-fashioned girlfriend, Democracy, and moderately cheerful in the fight.

There are some who say darkly that Democracy is no better than she should be, but we love her still. Our water-laden winds and gentle climate made her blow and made her peculiar ours. Just now the old girl is a bit of a burden to us, and there are some who shrug their shoulders and would let her go. But she won't go.

And if you want the proof of that, consider Mr. George Isaacs's figures for the first month of the Control of Engagement Order: 60,000 people volunteered themselves into essential jobs—ten were pushed.

There's Democracy for you. Good old gal.

For the record

CHRISTMAS crept up on us rather unawares. A Father Christmas was lined up at Walsall for obstruction. . . . Convent children were forbidden to be pantomime fairies. . . . a wild turkey escaped from the London Zoo, but was happily recaptured before sudden death overtook it. . . . the holy war between Jews and Arabs was halted while Jaffa oranges were collected.

Quotes

A FILM company has registered its intention to make a screen version of Thomas Hardy's "Far From the Madding Crowd." It is intended, however, that the title shall be changed. The film is to be called, "Far From the Mad-denning Crowd."

Night ride

HE is 22. At the northern university where he is studying for a B.Sc. he had found life disturbed by the number of heeded pards, full of strange oaths and odd adventures, but recently demobilised. Their talk excited him in the lecture rooms and, perhaps for this reason, he decided to try to ride down to London by night lorry.

The driver said: "Well, we aren't supposed to. But I'd be glad of the company. All I ask is—don't go to sleep. Keep your eyes skinned the left side of the road while I watch the right."

Near Huntingdon it happened. There was a man ahead in the middle of the road, swinging a torch. The driver pulled up. Just then the young man saw three figures running from the left hedge; three more from the right. They carried guns, he thought.

He shouted, and the driver stopped hard on the gas. There was a burst of firing behind them, but the shots went wild. They got away. They were carrying a cargo of carburetors and sparking plugs, worth quite a fortune. Dick Turpin rides the night roads of England again.

Mechanical Cows For G.I. Joe

The U.S. Army is going to send some "mechanical cows" to Korea and other places in the Far East.

Lack of fresh milk in the Orient and Pacific areas "has long been considered a major problem, due to the average soldier's liking for milk," the authorities said, adding that Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Guam and Okinawa are unsuitable for dairy farming.

So the Quartermaster Corps will send experts and equipment necessary for producing reconstituted milk.

European occupation troops do not have a milk shortage problem, the U.S. Army said, because "Danish dairymen supply their needs—Associated Press.

Samson led the first Jewish guerillas

but was betrayed by the woman he loved

DOWN through the ages there have been many great love stories, and most of them have ended in tragedy, but few can equal in vividness and drama that of Samson and Delilah. In addition to being one of the greatest, it is one of the oldest of them, for it was lived many years before there was even a King David to rule Israel in the shadow centuries B.C., and will endure as an ever-recurring inspiration in life, literature and art for so long as human passions remain essentially the same.

The main motif of the story of Samson and Delilah—that of a man betrayed through his uncontrolled love for a woman, and she the willing instrument of his betrayal and punishment—crops up in a number of disguises in modern life. It was probably old in the Biblical times when it was first recorded.

Today it seems oddly sophisticated, a colourful patch unique to the sober history of the Old Testament, the character of Samson, especially having an unrivalled reality.

HE began life as one of God's elect, chosen to lead the people of Israel out of bondage by the Philistines. But he failed to live up to his possibilities, and became one of those who are always preparing to turn over a new leaf but never quite getting round to it.

Growing abnormally strong, Samson became a sort of swashbuckling guerilla leader, a practical joker on the Philistines, asking them riddles, slaying them contemptuously with the jawbone of an ass, burning their corn, striding love-making into their strongholds and escaping with the gates of one city on his bull-like shoulders.

At one stage he took to the hills, hunted by the entire Philistine army, and with the contempt of a guerilla leader, tricked them single-handed. Then came a time when he was one of the "Judges" of Israel, becoming some sort of official.

But with the appearance of Delilah in his middle age, Samson's story became tragedy. She was the type of woman created from the beginning of time to the downfall of strength-conscious, vain, frolicsome giants like Samson, and his fate was sealed from the day he met her.

Delilah was the last of a series of Philistine women Samson loved, and although apologists might argue that she was a patriotic heroine who betrayed him for the sake of her own people, the more general view is that she was simply another woman who sold her lover for money.

THE story of Samson's betrayal and fall is one of the most graphic and pitiful in the Bible—sadder even than the spectacle of Job bowed under the weight of accumulated human misery, cursing the day of his birth; or Jeremiah weeping over the lost condition of his land. And, with Samson's death, bound, blinded, enslaved to the hated foreigner, comes that touch of sublimity that has inspired writers for centuries.

The somewhat bizarre story, has been treated in three ways by theologians and students. Learned books have been written on "what it owes to the Greek." By some it is regarded as an excellent piece of Hebrew folk lore, ranking with the wonderful stories of giants and heroes like Hercules, with their astonishing feats of strength and courage. In their belief it belongs to the folk tales of the earliest days of the Israelites, when they delighted in the spirit of adventure and boldness of exploits of superhuman prowess.

Some evangelists have gone so far as to identify Samson with Christ and Delilah with the Church—and a selfish love and a selfish one—and have hung great weights on slender allegorical wires.

They claim that the 30 Philistines vowing their solution of a riddle Samson has asked them after they have wormed it from his wife are a significant representation of the philosophers and men of science. And that the regrowth of his hair is the symbol of his repentance, and regeneration, so that "the spirit of the Lord," which is the real secret of his strength, returns to him.

But most people interpret it, in the way St. Paul did, as a story written for our admonition—that those with the greatest endowment of power may be perverted, and that a life beginning with the fairest prospects may end in darkness.

THE poet, Milton, was inspired by the story to one of the greatest poems he wrote. He presented Samson as a proud patriot, imbued with the twin ideas of serving God and his people, who came a cropper over a worthless woman. Handel, coupled them tail to tail, and, fascinatingly turned them into a romantic opera, as did the Russian, Andreiev, in his play, "Samson in Chains."

The age in which Samson lived was one of the least civilized in the history of Israel. The moral life of the Hebrews had deteriorated, and

for 40 years they had been subject to the conquering Philistines. The Philistines were Phoenicians of non-Semitic stock, who had effected permanent settlement on the coastal plain of Palestine from Gaza to Mount Carmel, and, superior in culture and military art, had overcome the tribes of Judah and Dan and established their garrisons over the country.

It would seem that the yoke of the Philistines was not excessively heavy, for nothing is said of heavy taxes. Nevertheless the Israelites resented the domination, but they had no leader to unify them against the invaders.

At the juncture, Samson was born to Manoah and his wife, heralded by the appearance of an angel to tell the parents that a child beyond nature would be born to them. The wife was required to dedicate herself and her son to God as a Nazirite, which meant that the child Samson was to lead a life of austerity and purity, and not to cut his hair.

This ill-starred Biblical love story is one of the world's great romances
BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Samson grew up physically strong, but occasionally back-slid in the matter of austerity and purity, and a love affair brought him into active opposition to the Philistines. Attracted by a Philistine girl he saw at Timnath, he insisted on his parents obtaining her as his wife. At first they demurred, but saw in his demand the hand of God and arranged the marriage, and Samson went to Timnath to see his betrothed.

On the way, a young lion in a vineyard "roared against him." Without a weapon, Samson "tore him as he would have torn a kid." On a later visit, he found that a swarm of bees had taken possession of the lion's carcass, so he took the honey, ate it and brought some of the comb home to his parents.

AT his marriage-breakfast, Samson propounded a riddle to the Philistine guests, giving them seven days to answer it. He promised a prize of 30 shirts and 30 coats to the one giving the correct answer, and if no-one could answer it, they were to give him the garments. The riddle was:—

"Out of the eater came forth meat,
"Out of the strong came forth sweetness."

Determined to get the answer, the Philistines persuaded Samson's bride to worm the answer from him, threatening her that unless she did they would burn down her father's house and her in it.

It must have been a miserable honeymoon, because Samson had to withstand the feminine persuasions of tears and allegations that he "did not love" her. On the seventh day, he nagged and nagged that Samson told her the answer. She rushed off with the news to her countrymen, and they came to Samson just before sunset and recited:

"What is sweeter than honey?
"And what is stronger than a lion?"

Samson went off to another Philistine city, killed 30 men and gave up to them their garments so as to redeem his pledge. Then he left his wife and stumped off angrily back to his parents.

AT the time of the wheat harvest, he apparently thought better of things and returned to Timnath, bringing for his estranged wife the present of a kid. His dismayed father-in-law broke this disturbing news that, thinking Samson had left her for good, he had given her to one of the Philistine guests at the wedding breakfast.

Hastily he added that her sister was younger and better looking and would make a suitable substitute. But Samson was furious and vowed vengeance against all Philistines.

As a start, he caught 300 foxes, coupled them tail to tail, and, fastening lighted torches between the tails, he turned them loose, to wreak havoc in the standing corn of the Philistines and to set up a bush fire which consumed neighbouring vineyards and olive groves. The Philistines repaid with the wild justice of burning Samson's father and Samson's wife.

"Although you have done this yet will I be revenged of you, and then I will be quiet," Samson said when he heard the news. He made "a great slaughter of them" and then took to the open country, with a Philistine army after him, demanding of the Israelites formal surrender of the land.

Officials among the Israelites visited Samson and tried to talk sense to him. He returned stubbornly. "As they did to me, so have I done to them," but when they broke the news that they had decided to surrender him, he agreed to go quietly and permitted himself to be bound and led to the Philistines.

THE Philistines greeted the sight of him with exultant shouts, but as he drew near, he broke the cords as though they were "flax" burned with fire," then picking up an impromptu weapon—the jawbone of an ass—he slew a thousand of them. Intoxicated with power, as he hit out, he sang of his prowess, and seems, by his spirit and energy, to have routed them single-handed.

With his not inconsiderable feat the curtain dropped down on his life for years, the Testament merely recording that "he judged Israel twenty years," which suggests that his tribesmen established him in some official capacity.

Samson had arrived at middle age when he appeared in the Testament again. Apparently he retained his predilection for Philistine women for the chapter opens significantly. "Then went Samson to Gaza and saw there an harlot and went in unto her."

The Philistines got news of the presence in their midst of their old enemy. They surrounded the house, locked the town gates, and watched and waited through the night in silence, so as to capture him as he left in the morning.

Samson must have suspected the trap, or got news of it, for at midnight he left the place, and, with typical beautiful humour, lifted the gates of the city clean out, posed and all, carried them on his shoulders to the top of a nearby hill, and left them there.

"After this he loved a woman who dwelt in the valley of Sorek, and she was called Delilah," the Bible story continues. Some claim that Samson married her others that she was another prostitute, but there is no description given of her.

THIS time, Samson's enemies resorted to strategy. The leaders approached her and asked her to find out the secret of his great strength so that they could capture him. Each offered to pay her 1,100 pieces of silver. Delilah agreed readily, and set about the job.

Three times Samson put her off with three lies, playing with her in his characteristically clumsy way, possibly even aware that her Philistine friends were hidden behind a curtain in her bedroom, and each time confident of his power to deal with them.

At length "when she pressed him daily with her words and urged him so that his soul was vexed unto death," he told her the truth—a belief common in antiquity—that his strength lay in his hair, the unsightly locks of a Nazirite.

Delilah now summoned the Philistine leaders, and after coaxing Samson to sleep, she called a barber to shave off "the seven locks of his head." Then, with perhaps a sudden revulsion, she thrust him away from her and roused him with the cry, "The Philistines are upon thee, Samson."

Confident that he was a giant in a pygmy world, Samson went out to deal with his enemies, but "he wist not that the Lord was departed from him."

Samson fought as valiantly as he had in bygone times, but his strength had gone, and his foes easily overcame him. They put out his eyes, "pulled out" his limbs with brass chains, bundled him off to Gaza, and harnessed him to the grinding mill in the prison house.

Samson's capture and enslavement were vaunted by the Philistines, as they saw him bent and old and blind, grinding at the mill, his strength vanished like dust. But they, too, must have been blind, for they failed to see that his hair had grown again.

Then, to mock him the more, they dragged him from prison as a kind of bullion, and he was led stumbling by a boy into the enormous banquet hall to "make sport" for the Philistines at the feast of their god, Dagon. There were about 3,000 people there, and after he had done his "turn" Samson asked the boy to lead him to the central pillar so that he could lean against it and rest.

As he stood by the pillar, Samson prayed, "O Lord God, remember me and restore to me now my former strength. . . . that I may revenge myself on my enemies, and for the loss of my two eyes I may take one revenge."

Then grasping the pillar with his right hand and an adjoining one with his left, he no longer undignified the blind giant cried out, "Let me die with the Philistines," and with that he brought down the appalling avalanche on his tormentors, killing himself and all the company.

No doubt dazed with their own tragedy, the Philistines let the dead hero's kin search for his body among the chaos and bear it reverently to a quiet grave among the hills of Dan to bury him beside his father.

IF IT'S QUICK THE JEWS WILL WIN

JERUSALEM.

IN the lounge of my hotel a radio has just begun broadcasting the seven o'clock news bulletin in Hebrew.

The life of the hotel has come to a standstill. Everyone, from the waiters—smooth, dark young men from Berlin and Budapest—to the guests—quiet, comfortable, middle-class folk who began life speaking Czech, or Polish, or German—is in the lounge listening.

They are listening with the tension I know too well. It is the tension of Warsaw during those last days of August 1939. As they listen they all seek an answer to the same question: Is there to be war?

Yes, I have travelled to many countries during the past two years where history is being made. But nothing has impressed me with the same sense of historic drama as what I have seen going on here in this pocket-handkerchief territory of Palestine.

It will affect the whole Middle East territory, whose security, contentedness and prosperity have for generations been of vital concern to the British Commonwealth.

Now, these are the main factors in the situation as far as I have been able to discern them during the time I have spent here:—

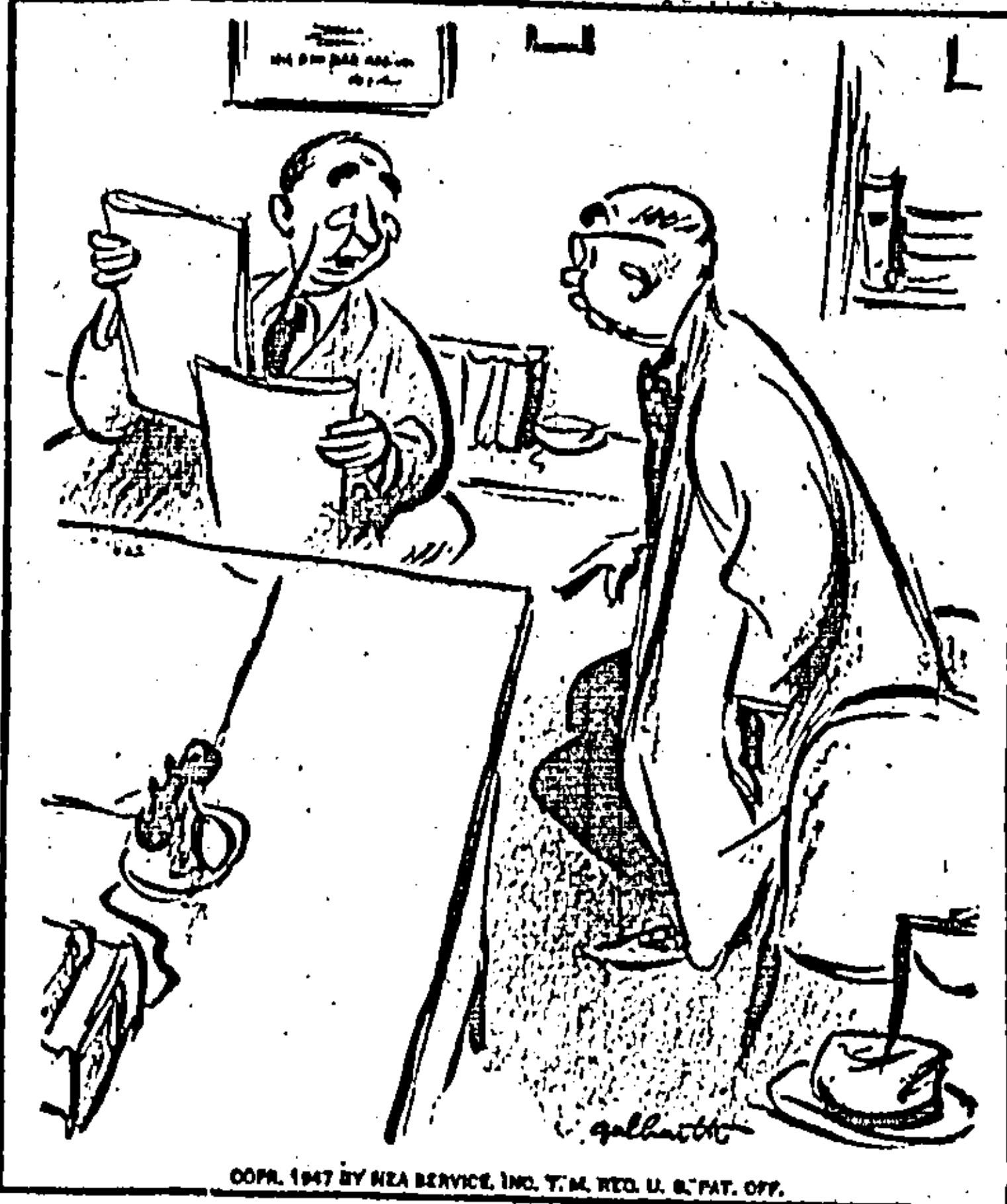
THE British are unwilling to be parties to the forcible conquest of Palestine by Jews. It has to be forcible in view of the Arab refusal to recognise the right of Jewish immigrants to establish an autonomous State in what has been Arab country for 12 centuries.

The British have declared that they will not take any steps to enforce partition before giving up the mandate and leaving the country.

In fact the clash between Arabs and Jews has already partitioned the country into Jewish areas which the Arabs can visit only at danger to their lives, and Arab

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I like to defend cases like this one with an element of chance—either we make a nice bit of money or you go to jail!"

Sefton Delmer's NEWSMAP

... reporting first-hand from Palestine's front-line villages ... and weighing up the chances as both sides manoeuvre for position

areas through which no Jewish bus can pass without being attacked. During one week in Palestine, 500 Jews, Arabs and British were killed or wounded in partition battles. This is forcing the British to implement administrative partition.

'Pre-partition'

THE decision to withdraw British and Arab police from the Tel Aviv area and hand over power to Jewish police, while at the same time permitting the Jewish Agency to recruit and arm a local civic guard responsible only to the Agency, in effect established Jews in sole command of this area.

How this pre-partition partition works out I saw for myself when I visited the small Arab village of Sheikh Muwanis, just outside Tel Aviv. The village came under police control of the neighbouring townlet of Ramatgan.

Before the new order was imposed the Ramatgan station consisted of Arab and Jewish constables working peacefully together under a British chief. If police had to be sent to Sheikh Muwanis they would always be British or Arab, never Jewish. But now it is only possible to send Jews. As a result I came close to being lynched when I tried to enter the village—an undertaking I had been warned would be impossible.

The Arabs had hidden armed guards in an orange grove outside, and as our car slowly lumbered in two of them leaped on it and drove us as prisoners into the village.

It seemed to me a long time before my admirable Armenian guide, John Mavrisian, was able to convince the villagers we were not Jews and meant no harm. The whole village gathered around as we were offered Turkish coffee as a symbol of welcome.

The headman informed me the first act of the Jews had been to impose an urban land tax in place of the much lower rural area tax they had paid hitherto.

A Jew speaks

THE other side of the picture was given to me when I called on a Jewish friend of mine in Tel Aviv. "Dear friend," he said "I have a favour to ask you. Please when you walk about the streets in Tel Aviv do not speak English. Speak German." The Jews, he said, were furious because the British were giving arms to Arabs and taking them away from Jews. Yet in theory, troops and police have orders to confiscate all arms they find held by unauthorized persons.

In practice, as I found in the Old City of Jerusalem, you just cannot prevent troops and police feeling a certain sympathy for Arabs after experiencing two years of thug warfare from the organisation which is now requesting and expecting their help.

To add to the confusion, the British, much to the disgust of the Arabs, are ignoring illegal military training being undertaken by Hagana.

While we stay here and yet permit all this disorder, we only make more certain that a blow-up must come—and that it will be on the biggest scale.

Confidence

What is the strength and determination (a) of Jews (b) of Arabs? The trouble is that both are fanatically determined and both are arrogantly overconfident in their own strength.

Arabs have talked to me of driving the Jews into the sea, flooding the Jewish area, and Arab States aside.

They boast that large stores of arms are pouring in and that there are plenty more where they came from. They insist that they have been trained cadres who have seen war service with the British Army, and are equal to the best Hagana forces.

The Jews tell me they do not expect it will take them more than a few days to clean up the Arabs. "We have a hundred times better discipline, more efficient leadership, and a superior intelligence service. What munitions we do not produce in Palestine we shall get from abroad. And we have got the money."

A forecast

BUT the most confident bet of the Jews is the diplomatic one. Abdullah—who is reputed to do what the British tell him—is anxious to annex to his kingdom of Transjordan Arab sections of Palestine left after partition.

"Abdullah," say my Jewish friends, "will make a show of joining in a holy war against us. Then, when we have got Palestine, Arabs on the run, and chaos among them, he will come in with his Arab legion to restore order."

"Fence" and "goodwill" will break out. Abdullah will become our friend and with his help—enhanced by dissension among Arab States—we shall make friends with the Arab world."

It sounds good to me every time I hear it—and I remember the fanaticism of the Mufti and the fury of his Arabs.

My own belief is that if the Jews can keep the struggle with the Palestine Arabs short and sharp, thus detouring ill-organised Arab militancy from joining in they will win. But if it becomes a long-drawn-out war, the economic disorder and misery which Arab guerillas can cause will become intolerable for the Jewish population confined to the narrow beachhead on the Palestine coast.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

MALEPESTE! A writer, discussing Murger's Bohemians, says, "Yes. Their youth was gay and carefree. But what of middle age?" Out upon such rat-talk! Sensible Bohemians play the fool in youth, and then become ranges.

Recall the closing lines of the "Scenes de la Vie de Boheme." Says Rodolphe, "Let us go dine in our old tavern in the rue du Four, where we were so hungry when we had finished eating." "Not I," says Marcel. "I don't mind looking back into the past, but it must be with a bottle of good wine, and sitting in a comfortable chair. I'm corrupted, if you will. I no longer like any but the good things of life." How all the jolly ragamuffins! How And a murrain on you all.

middle age smiles in sympathy [Imbrogio with Marcel]

Granny, granny! He's lying!

THE South African carpenter who swallowed 2,442 nails was probably employed by the Ministry of Food to advertise an alternative to sausages made of mud. I was once returning across the Mediterranean from Trobizond when an artist fell overboard with all his baggage round his neck. A whale got him, north of Cape St. Vincent, and we threw one-inch nails into the sea's throat, hoping to make him vomit the artist. The whale choked to death, and we hauled and him aboard and cut him open, and there was the artist strolling round your letter with his scaly scales and the belly, admiring his own pictures quest. Pray lay off is the earnest wish of the whale.

Yours ever, T. Cleverley Grampond.

Dear Mr Grampond, What has my daughter said to you to incur such familiarity with you a Mayor! The poor girl has been in tears when she brought me your letter with its scandalous request. Pray lay off is the earnest wish of the whale.

DEAR Miss Slopconer,

Can't we carry on this correspondence at a higher level, without employing third persons? All I really want is a photo of you. All that official stuff was eyewash. I want it to put beside my bed. Can I have one?

Yours ever, T. Cleverley Grampond.

Yrs. truly, Mabel Slopconer.

EVERY SATURDAY

WOMANSENSE FULL-PAGE FEATURE

WHEN A CHILD HAS FEARS

By CATHERINE MACKENZIE

A CHILD can't be "reasoned" out of his fear, yet grown-ups try it all the time. "There's nothing to be afraid of," we say briskly to the shrinking child; or "You're too big a girl for that," or sadder still, "Only sisters are afraid."

Even loving parents do this, not knowing what else to do.

Fears in childhood is a large subject, and it offers pitfalls for the commentator. There is the possibility that—in a society as jittery as ours—parents may needlessly get the wind up. After all, most children go through one or another phase of fearing that the goblins will get them. Sensibly handled, the phase passes. Also, because a child's fears are highly individual, concrete suggestions on handling are especially hard to convey in print.

In this department's opinion, an important contribution on this subject has been made in the newly compiled pamphlet "When a Child Has Fears," prepared for the New York City Committee on Mental Hygiene of the State Charities Aid Association.

Clearly, and with reassurance, this text outlines the fears common to or often found in the age group under 6; points out that, by understanding what is behind them, parents and teachers can do much to prevent some fears.

There are normal, everyday fears—of loud noises, sudden movement, strange people and objects, inter of animals, fear of the dark, of pain, of being left alone. (Parents know that there is a long list.) There are fears equally normal though hard to pin down to causes. And there are fears apparently unrelated to anything, expressing the uneasiness of the anxious child. (We are oversimplifying here to save space.) Of the latter group, the text says in part: "To the anxious child anything, everything is a possible danger. . . . He cannot take in his stride the normal frightening experiences of childhood as can a better adjusted child. . . . He seems to be afraid of some particular thing, but what he is really expressing is his own inside fear."

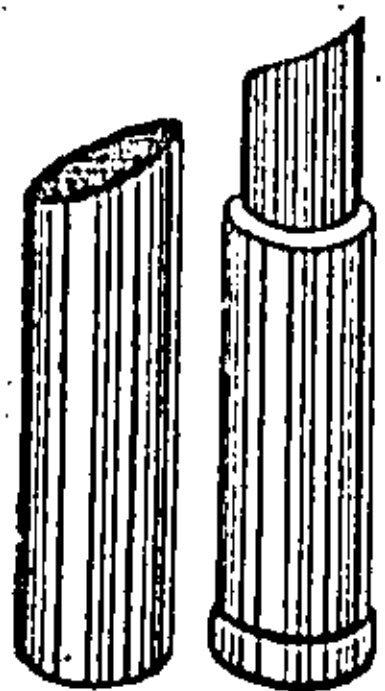
WRITTEN by Nina Ridenour, Ph.D., with the assistance of Isabel Johnson, this bulletin summarizes background facts and brings

OGGLING ORGY IN JAPAN

Three hundred Japanese men and women recently carefully appraised one another as marriage prospects on the banks of the Tama River. The "marriage fair" was sponsored by a popular magazine. Procedure was: Both men and women registered at the entrance to the river, obtained a number, which they pinned on their clothes. Then they walked up and down the river bank ogling one another. On spotting a likely prospect, they ran to the registration desk, consulted a card file giving the prospect's life history, bank balance. Then they proposed—but this was done through the magazine's representative, who got a commission. Said the Tokyo newspaper Asahi: "A considerable number found mates. But some of the women brought their mothers—which probably did not help."

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together the thinking and experience of many specialists working with young children. It is skilfully planned and written in plain language. "As ridiculous and foolish as a child's fears may seem to an adult, they are very real to the child, and therefore must be respected," is one comment. And again, "Remember, a child cannot be forced or reasoned into giving up a fear. He can be led up to it only when he feels safe. So don't hurry him—let him take his time." Our opening examples are lifted verbatim from the text.

Among concrete suggestions are these:

Never let anyone, even as a joke, make frightening threats to a child such as that the bogymen, policeman or some character in a story will "get" him, or that he or anyone else will get sick or die.

If you can help it, don't leave the child with a person who dislikes children, who is insensitive, or the "fussier" who worries over every little thing.

Avoid movies, radio thrillers, exciting stories, hair-raising comics, for children under 6. Some children are more sensitive than others.

This pamphlet reflects newer findings on the part hospitalization may play in childhood's fears. It underlines the importance of leaving a young child only with someone he knows.

Self-confidence is seen as "the real fortress against fears." Build it up, don't knock it down, parents are counselled.

"Help him to become skilful, outgoing and friendly, so that he will have the self-confidence necessary to face and deal with the frightening things he meets. Everything he learns to do for himself, to his own satisfaction, every new friend he makes, taken him one more step on the road to independence."

FATHERS and mothers are advised to watch the things that destroy confidence, among them "repeated failures, too much competition, neglect, criticism," never to try to shame the child out of his fear; and finally, "Don't be afraid your little boy will grow up to be a 'sissy' just because he shows fear at 2, 3 and 4. He will be much more likely to grow into a confident, independent young man at 14 if his fears are dealt gently with at 4."

This recalls Dr. George H. Preston's views on the "judicious use of praise." Count the "don'ts" and "stops" and "quits" in the ordinary child's life, he has said, and compare them with "That's fine" and "My, you are smart" and "Try it; I think you are big enough." He holds that "it cannot be any fun to be little and weak and always wrong and to have it rubbed in."

Baby Quiz

by CHAPMAN PINCHER

(1) When a baby first says "Mama" it is recognising its mother. Is this true or false?

FALSE. Ma happens to be the first babbling sound the average infant makes. Because mothers are the first to hear it they assume the baby means them. That is why in nearly all languages the baby word for mother is the same.

(2) All babies inherit a fear of the dark because our ancestors were most afraid of being attacked by wild beasts at night. True or false?

FALSE. The only inherited fears are of loud noises and of being dropped. All others are learned.

(3) A new born baby can support its own weight either hand. True or false?

TRUE. Most can do this until they are about 17 weeks old.

(4) No child ever develops any new brain cells after it is born. True or false?

TRUE. The brain as a whole enlarges, but a baby has its full allowance of "grey matter" at birth.

(5) Boy babies develop mentally earlier than girls. True or false?

FALSE. The reverse is true.

(6) A baby cannot see except to distinguish light from darkness until it is three weeks old. True or false?

TRUE. And the average child cannot recognise its mother by sight until it is three months old.

(7) A child who walks at eight months instead of at the usual 15 months is likely to be very intelligent. True or false?

TRUE. Many geniuses have walked at eight months.

(8) A baby is blue when it is born and immediately turns pink. True or false?

TRUE. When the baby starts to use its lungs the increased oxygen supply turns the blood from blue to red.

(9) A young baby puts things into its mouth because its teeth are pushing through the gums and irritating it. True or false?

FALSE. It does it to examine them. While the sight is poorly developed, a baby's lips and tongue are its chief sense organs.

Simple Fare for Gourmets

By JANE NICKERSON

SOMETIMES your palate is homesick for the simple foods of childhood—a baked potato with a dollop of butter or home-made bread and a mug of milk. Other days the gastronomic mood changes, and you think with good appetite of the shrimps with lobster sauce that a Chinese restaurateur turns out. Then comes the evening when dinner must be straight American, substantial, well seasoned, simple yet skilfully cooked—calves' liver with bacon, perhaps, or broiled spareribs.

Here are some novel suggestions, developed by New York's new restaurant, Town Penguin, which specialises in good, plain, but not dull style of meals.

COUPE LENA HORNE

1 quart coffee ice cream
1/2 cup heavy cream, whipped
1/2 cup creme de cacao.
Place ice cream in parfait glasses, top with cream and then add creme de cacao. Yield: six servings.
Like all good restaurateurs, Mr. Cowles, manager of the New Penguin, has a good chef, Yves Le Goff, one of whose contributions to summer dining is his baked melon Alaska. It makes quite a splash, but here again the talents of an Escottier are not demanded.

BAKED MELON ALASKA

1 cantaloupe, chilled
1/4 cup crushed fruit (peaches, berries or other variety desired)
2 tablespoons Cointreau
4 egg whites
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 pint vanilla ice cream.
(1) Cut cantaloupe in half, remove seeds and peel. Put a fourth of fruit in each hollowed-out portion and a tablespoon of Cointreau in each. Arrange halves on a fairly large heatproof platter with a generous space between.
(2) Beat egg whites till foamy. Add sugar gradually and beat till meringue holds up in sharp peaks.

She Wins A "Princess Frock"

By PATRICIA LENNARD

TWENTY-ONE-YEAR-OLD Mrs Anne Collins has a success story any young bride would be proud to tell. She and her husband have a new bungalow, and she has a new evening dress from Princess Elizabeth's trousseau.

She is one of the lucky girls who received one of the dresses distributed by Princess Elizabeth from the clothes sent to her by the New York Institute of Fashion as a wedding gift.

"We were married on November 26," she told me, "and when we came back from our honeymoon I learned that I had won a frock in the WVS ballot."

"It arrived at the week-end in a plain box—no message or letter with it—and it fits me perfectly."

First appearance

Her husband, 25-year-old Michael Collins, a motor mechanic in Bromley, Kent, says forthrightly enough: "It's a lovely frock—I expect it's the best dress you'll ever have, and we'll have to go out and celebrate in it."

It is made of cream silk, patterned with drifts of pink flowers, and the flowers on the fichu and bodice are sequined in pink.

"Do you know," Mrs Collins said, "it must be hand-made: there's a petersham band under the frock that keeps the waist in, and over the hips there's padding under stiff canvas so that the frock stands out."

Round the waist goes a long pink velvet sash, and Mrs Collins plans to wear with the frock the white

buckskin sandals that she wore on her wedding day, and a white evening cloak.



"It fits me perfectly."

From food sack to ball dress



Believe it or not picture. The material from which this dress is made is cotton, pieced together from flour bags now used by some American manufacturers.

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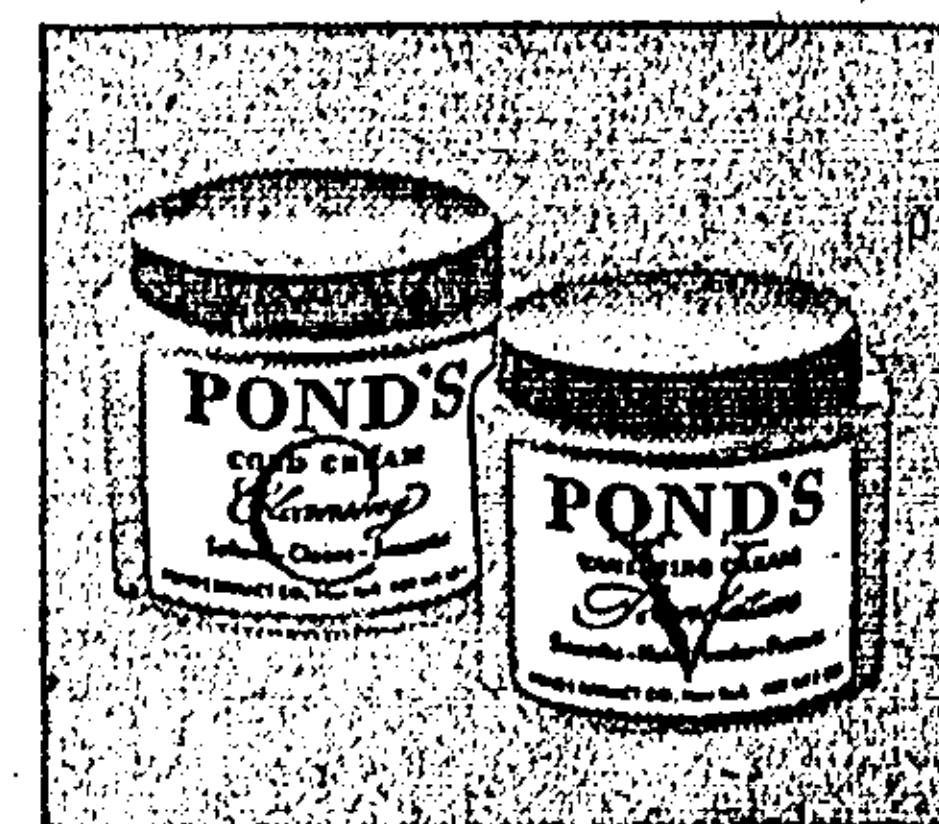
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① I TIPPED HIM—by William Barkley

"A BLAST from the steel furnaces of Britain blew away some of the hot air of Westminster last night when Mr Jack Jones (Soc. Bolton) spoke his mind."

So I reported last March, telling how this record-making steel smelter made his entry as a pop talker M.P. by calling on the coal miners to "give now in return for what they have belatedly received."

Six days later I wrote that a wise Government would send Mr Jack Jones round to mate the appeal in person. Six months later the Government took him in, made him joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Supply.

Now as a result of going around steel works, speaking as a forthright old son of England, Jack Jones has had his first setback. Representatives of 5,000

of his ex-steelworker colleagues have rebuked him for making speeches helpful to the Tories.

The trouble is that Mr Jack Jones does not yet realise that he is national news, that his pithy words—directed locally—are printed throughout the country.

Thus, when he gently chided some boys for knocking off seven minutes before time, he was speaking in a factory where production records had been broken. He was saying as it were: "Look what record-breakers like you could do in seven minutes."

But the men with whom he used to work seem to have got the wrong view. Nobody in his Bolton constituency will ever think that he will nag the working man. He's not like that.

② I MET HIM—by John Deane Potter

BURLY, 53-year-old John Henry Jones leaves his room in the Ambassadors Hotel, Bloomsbury, before nine o'clock each morning and takes a 77 bus to Shell Mex house.

When he arrives at his Strand office he will walk to L-shaped room Number 136 on the first floor, overlooking Cleopatra's Needle. He will say good morning in a Lancashire accent to four secretaries in the outer office before settling at his desk.

He will probably not leave it until 10 o'clock at night—unless he takes a few hours off to visit the House of Commons.

Jack Jones, family man, allotment-holder, pop talker, and patriot, has the facility for telling people in simple language just what the country wants of them.

Sincerity surrounds him like an aura. I talked to him for an hour and came away like a man who has taken a draught of cold spring water—because Jack Jones passionately believes in Britain.

His mild blue eyes took on the look of a crusader when he leaned across the desk and said: "We are the best people in the world, and we deserve the best. But to get it, we must give of our best. I am sure that if the workers of this country are told the simple, economic truths of our situation there will be no need to worry."

Jack Jones is one of the best people to do it. He was one of a family of eleven whose father was a steelworker in Rotherham. He himself left Doncaster-road Central School at the age of 14, started wheeling bricks at 5.45, an hour.

"My father always wanted me to be a school teacher, but I wanted to make steel," he said.

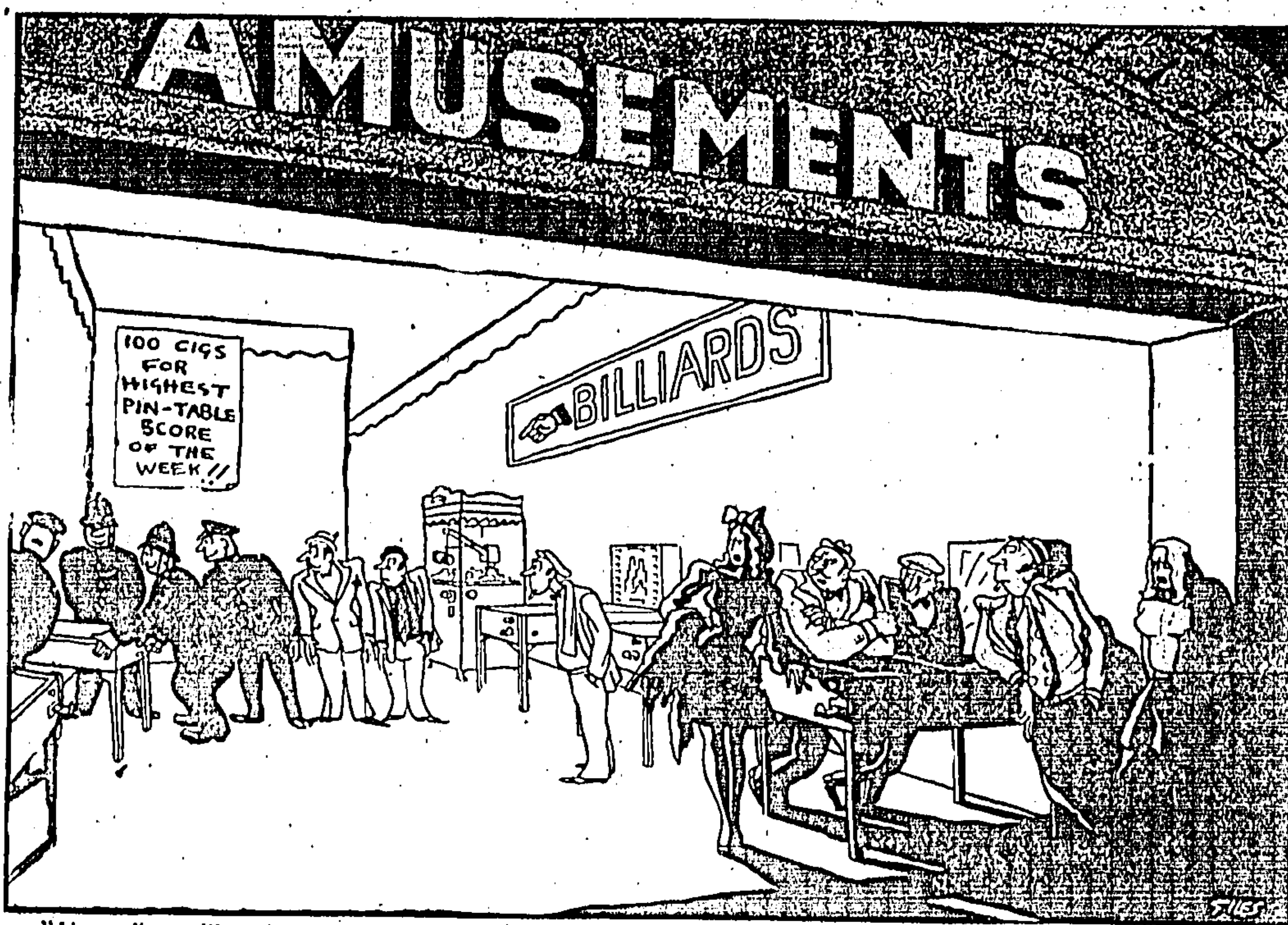
Jones is a teetotaler and non-smoker, and this is why. When they

back he asked me to marry him. That was when we were both 22.

"We first of all lived in rooms, and then we managed to hear of a four-roomed cottage. The rent was 5s. 4d. a week. Florence, our eldest, who is now 26 and a telephoneist in Manchester, was born in the rooms.

"But my four lads were born in the cottage. Jack is now 25, and a chime-hand at the steelworks, Arnold, who was invalided out of the Army at 19, is now 23; Eric is 21 and was a flier, and 22-year-old Peter, our youngest boy, was in the Navy.

"Margaret, my youngest girl, aged 15, takes after her dad. She was in the senior girls' school food strike at Urmston Grammar School the other week."



"How d'you like that—come in here spiv-hunting and walk off with the highest score of the week?"

THE BIG SLEEP

by Bernard Wicksteed

WHAT are you looking forward to most? I'll tell you what I am. A jolly good sleep, untaxed and off the ration.

It is a curious thing about sleep that although we spend about a third of our lives at it nobody has ever really explained what causes it.

We all know that warmth makes you sleepy. So does a good meal, a hot bath, or a boring story. But nobody, not even Mr Chapman Pincher, understands the exact mechanism of it.

The scientists know that your arms and legs get bigger when you are asleep. They know that your temperature drops, your heart beats more slowly, and your brain gets less blood than when you are awake. But they do not know if these things are the causes of sleep or merely the effects.

Knocked on the head

MR Pincher, who gave me a lecture on sleep, says that when he was a student the scientists had it all buttoned up—or thought they had. They said that fatigue clogged up the blood with excess chemicals and this sent you to sleep.

They even "proved" it by injecting the blood of a tired dog into a lively one and making it sleepy. But the theory was knocked on the head three or four years ago by a pair of Siamese twins in Russia.

They had a common blood supply, and therefore both should have felt sleepy at the

same time. But they didn't. One of them would stay awake while the other was snoring his head off.

Nobody ever goes straight to sleep. You drop off by degrees. The part of the brain dealing with will power is one of the first to go and last to return. That explains why it is so difficult to get up in the morning. Your eyes may be open, but your will power is still asleep.

Reasoning goes next. A person who is nearly asleep can hear and even answer questions, but the replies are usually unintelligible, a fact which anyone who is married will corroborate.

Memory stays awake much longer and so does imagination, hence dreams, and that mouse in the cupboard which your wife always thinks is a burglar.

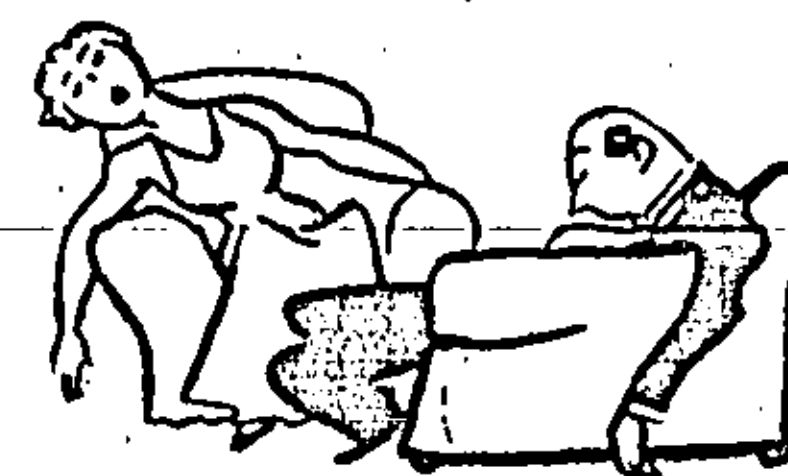
The parts of the brain controlling your muscles sleep lightly. Sometimes they stay awake altogether, and then you are liable to get out of bed and go for a sleep-walk in your pyjamas. The sense of sight disappears entirely, even though you sleep with your eyes open. You can't smell anything in your sleep, either, which is why a gas leak in the bedroom is so dangerous.

The senses of hearing and touch are lost more slowly. A noise will wake you up sooner than a light. The mere stopping of a noise will disturb you

sometimes. A touch wakes you more quickly than anything.

Some parts of you never go to sleep at all. Your tummy goes on digesting, your heart goes on beating (2,500,000,000 beats non-stop in an average life), and your lungs go on breathing.

But they all slow down when you sleep and get a bit of rest in that way. The only part that doesn't is the skin. That works harder at night than it does in the day. Blood that would be going to the brain goes to the skin instead, which accounts for a lot of things you may have noticed about sleep.



For one thing the extra blood in the skin makes it warmer than usual and so you sweat more. It is not the blankets, but just your skin heating up.

Then why do you need blankets at all? I asked Mr Pincher this and he said: "It is true that the blood brings warmth to the skin but the skin radiates it away so fast that you lose more body heat than when you are awake."

PEPPING UP WHITEHALL

By Tom Shaw

MR JOHN ROUGHTON SIMPSON missed his usual 6.38 p.m. train from Victoria that night and caught the next train back home to Carshalton (Surrey) with a free copy of a brand-new Blue-book in his brief case.

Other people had been paying 4s. for it in spite of its "Keep off!" title — Report on the Organisation and Methods (O. and M.) Division.

But, after all, 47-year-old Mr Simpson gets £1,700 a year as head of that grim-sounding Treasury Division. He controls the Government's team of business efficiency experts. He deserves a free copy if only for the suggestion he made ten years ago about the hat-and-umbrella stand.

He was just a clerk then, but there was pep in his system. He spoke up and said:—

"Anyone who has witnessed an embarrassed taxpayer crammed into an interviewing section of the counter about the size of a rat-trap, juggling with his hat and umbrella and a bundle of income-tax papers, can appreciate need for the provision of a hat-and-umbrella stand."

He never became a tax inspector. But in five years he jumped to Principal Assistant Secretary, then he toured America on a six months' security mission.

REDUCING DELAY

He has been in his present job for two and a half years. What does he do? He smooths things out, he peeps things up. Here are the results as recorded by the Select Committee on Estimates.

There were long delays and queues for passports. The Foreign Secretary said something had got to be done. Instead of concentrating the whole work at the passport offices in London, Liverpool and Glasgow, it is now spread over 1,000 local Ministry of Labour offices.

A passport now can be issued in 48 hours. The work can be done by 700 passport office workers instead of 1,100. Full marks for Mr Simpson. It is not his fault that British passports are now almost obsolete.

Another example. A small builder, erecting two small blocks of houses a year, had to fill in 144 forms. He now has 38 papers to complete, and his form-filling time has been reduced by 95 percent. Mr Simpson's method? Going to the builder, first and getting his ideas on where time and effort were wasted. Reduction in Ministry of Works staff alone—21 able-bodied workers.

CENTRALISATION

Other examples? An O. and M. man is helping the Admiralty reorganise stations at home. Another is at the Air Ministry devising a scheme for centralising pay accounts for airmen instead of having an accountancy staff at each unit.

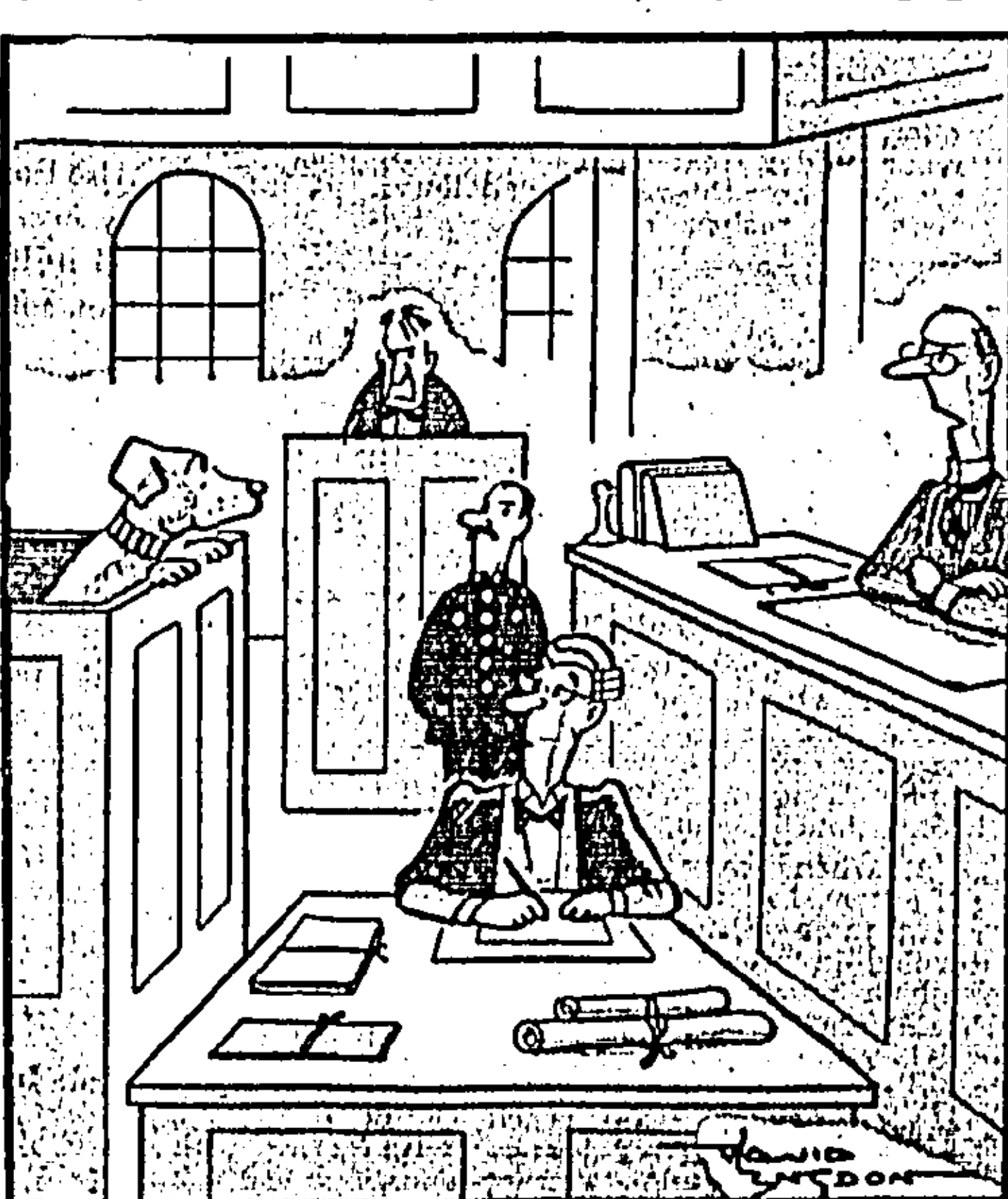
They are looking into recruitment for the Civil Service Commission and helping the Foreign Office with a problem of great age—the classification of political papers.

The Ministry of Health has asked for guidance on problems of the new medical services. The National Registration Office at Southampton is being examined, the new Central Land Board being formed. They propose to mechanise part of the accounting methods at the Public Trustee Office and have suggested a Post Office inter-departmental van service to carry papers instead of relying on walking messengers or motor cyclists.

To speed exports the streamliners of Whitehall are going to look into all the forms required. They are collecting complaints from export concerns and then going back to the departments with the business men's angle of this form-filling difficulty.

Having looked at all this, the men who have reported on Mr Simpson's work want to see more of it.

DAVID LANGDON CARTOON



"And did you or did you not see defendant acting suspiciously near a lady's handbag in Hyde Park?"

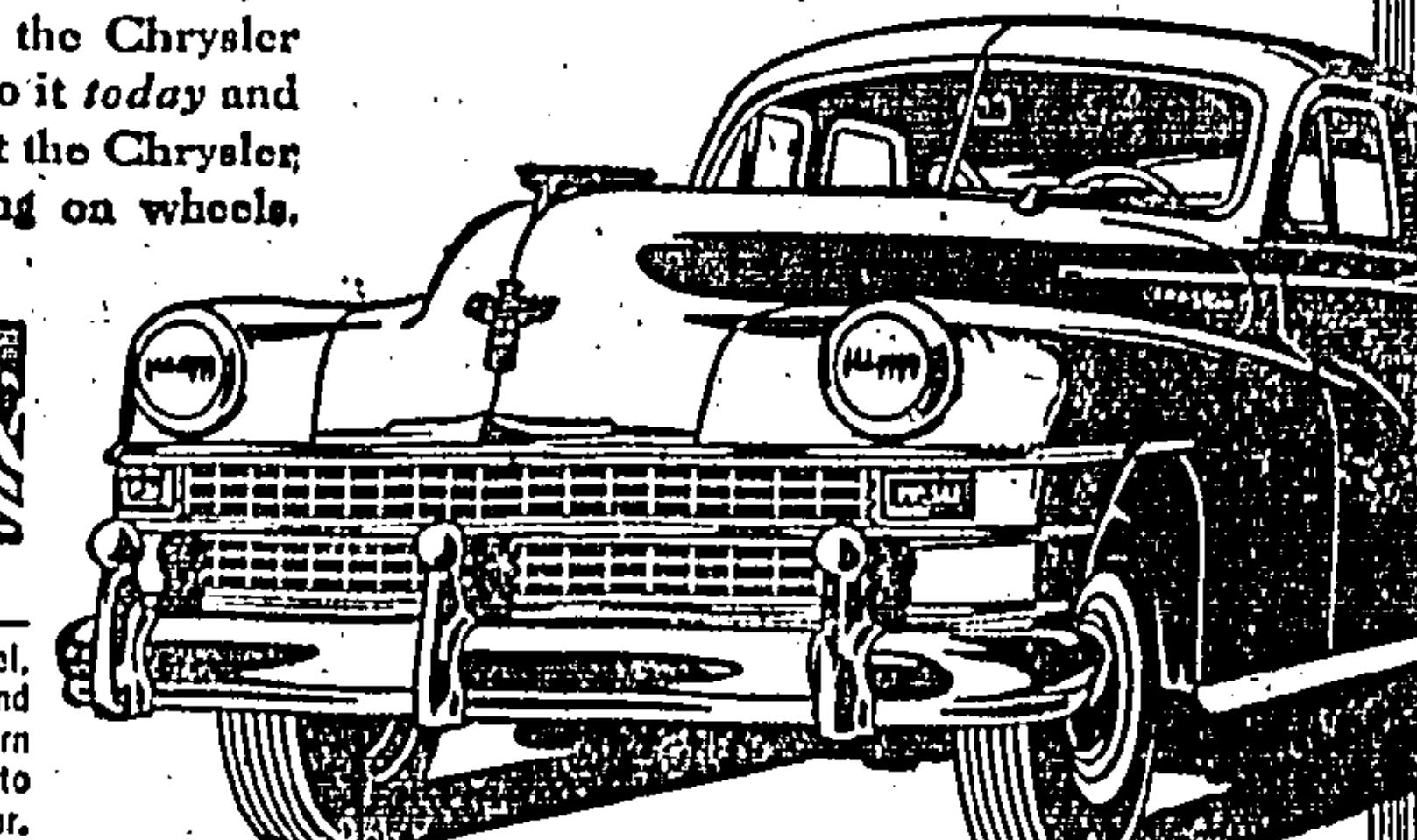
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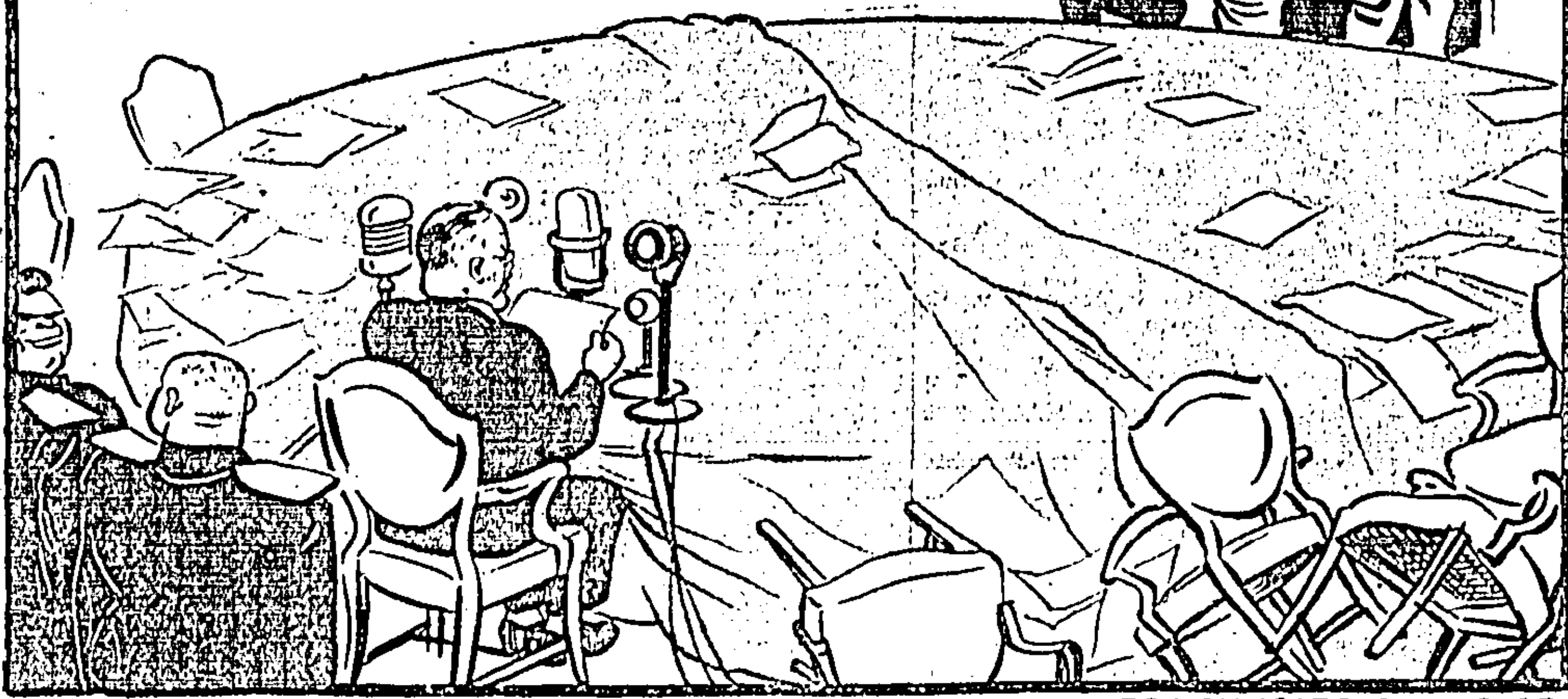
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PROPHECIES for 1948

THE FEAR-DISTORTED MIND OF RUSSIA

THE four Foreign Ministers have parted with all the appearance of finality. Hitherto their meetings have been adjourned to a further date and another rendezvous. This time the adjournment is *sinu die*.

Though the circumstances were dramatic, the event was no surprise. It was the predictable climax of a long process. It is none the less serious.

What does it mean? The first obvious fact is that the end of the conference was forced by Molotov.

Many impersonal causes may have contributed—the publicity of the proceedings, the growing distrust, the lack of common idiom, the supposed concert of the Western Powers.

But what forced the final break was an irrational and uncompromising demand by Molotov. He demanded £2,500,000,000 of reparations as a first charge on the German economy.

Since the West-German economy is subsidised by the Western Powers the bill would have to be met by Russia's former allies, which is absurd.

BREAK-UP Clearly Molotov's wish

Further, by refusing to give any figures of the material already taken as reparations from Eastern Germany, Molotov made any practical work on his own proposal impossible.

When this was pointed out, he merely embellished the air with obsolete charges, and the conference broke up.

Clearly, he wished to break it up. His tactics can have no other significance.

Why did the Russians wish to wreck the conference? A glance at the Kremlin's foreign policy in the last year supplies an answer. It is part of a general change which has characterised the year 1947.

During the war the Russians needed foreign assistance. They therefore dropped Communist isolation and began a period of diplomatic collaboration.

The Comintern was dissolved and the Communist parties throughout Europe were ordered to co-operate with other national parties.

If they were to achieve power, it was in conditions of "national fronts" which might, indeed, develop into Communist dictatorships, but which were not to avow any such intention.

HER HOPE To dominate Europe

Thus arose those coalitions of Communists and other parties which were a common feature of the liberation.

By such tactics Russia hoped, at one time, to dominate all Europe.

by . . . H. R. TREVOR-ROPER
Author of the famous book "The Last Days of Hitler."

In 1947 this policy reached its limits. In Eastern Europe it succeeded. In Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania, Poland the party graduated from coalition to dictatorship. But in the West it failed.

In the spring the Communists were expelled from the coalition Governments in France and Italy.

By the summer, their attempts to gather support for a legal return to power had failed and the West moved to the counter-attack with the "Marshall Plan."

In the autumn, the Kremlin announced the end of the coalition policy and a return to exclusive aggressive tactics—for that is the meaning of Cominform.

In France and Italy the party obediently responded with strikes and riots. In France, at least, these new tactics have already failed.

Thus, the loss of Western Europe seemed clear to Moscow before the London conference began. And if the West seemed lost might it not become the basis of a new forward policy against the precariously won East?

To us such a fear may seem exaggerated, but we cannot dictate the thinking of Russian minds.

To them, isolated behind a self-created Chinese Wall, remembering old invasions and hostile blocs, confident that a crisis of over-production will drive America (a far stronger Power) into imperialist aggression, suspected and therefore suspicious, aware that, economically, the Molotov Plan is no real alternative to the Marshall Plan, it certainly seems much more real.

And, thinking it real, they will take the next logical step to protect their exposed forward frontier.

VICTORY BID To avoid defeat

History shows that Germany is the key to Central Europe. Defeated in the West, Russia must seek to insure herself against defeat in Germany.

And the best way to avoid defeat is to bid for victory.

How can this be done? The obvious way is through a victory for the German Communist Party.

But hitherto this has proved impossible outside the Eastern zone, and even there the Communists are disliked.

In fact, Germany has merely reproduced the pattern of Europe with a Communist East and an anti-Communist West.

As Russia has reacted in Europe, so she is now reacting in Germany. She is retreating to her own zone and preaching, not conciliation, but aggressive Communism.

The break-up of the London conference is the German corollary of Cominform.

What will Russian policy now be? There are several possibilities. Perhaps the Russians will renounce the West and will merely organise a defensive frontier in Central Europe behind which to repair the ravages of war.

More probably fear will drive them to a forward policy. If so, it will not only be Communism that will be preached from Berlin. It will be the unity of Germany.

GERMANS RESENT Division of country

Germans today resent the division of their country, and whoever can capitalise this resentment might hope to control an all-German movement. The Russians don't relish economic unity so long as there is any danger of political control by the West. Such a unity would merely seem a threat to themselves.

What they will claim is political unity under Russian tutelage. For this purpose, they have one great advantage—Berlin.

We may, therefore, find political unity the slogan of the German Communists, and it will issue apparently from the old capital of authoritarian Germany—Berlin.

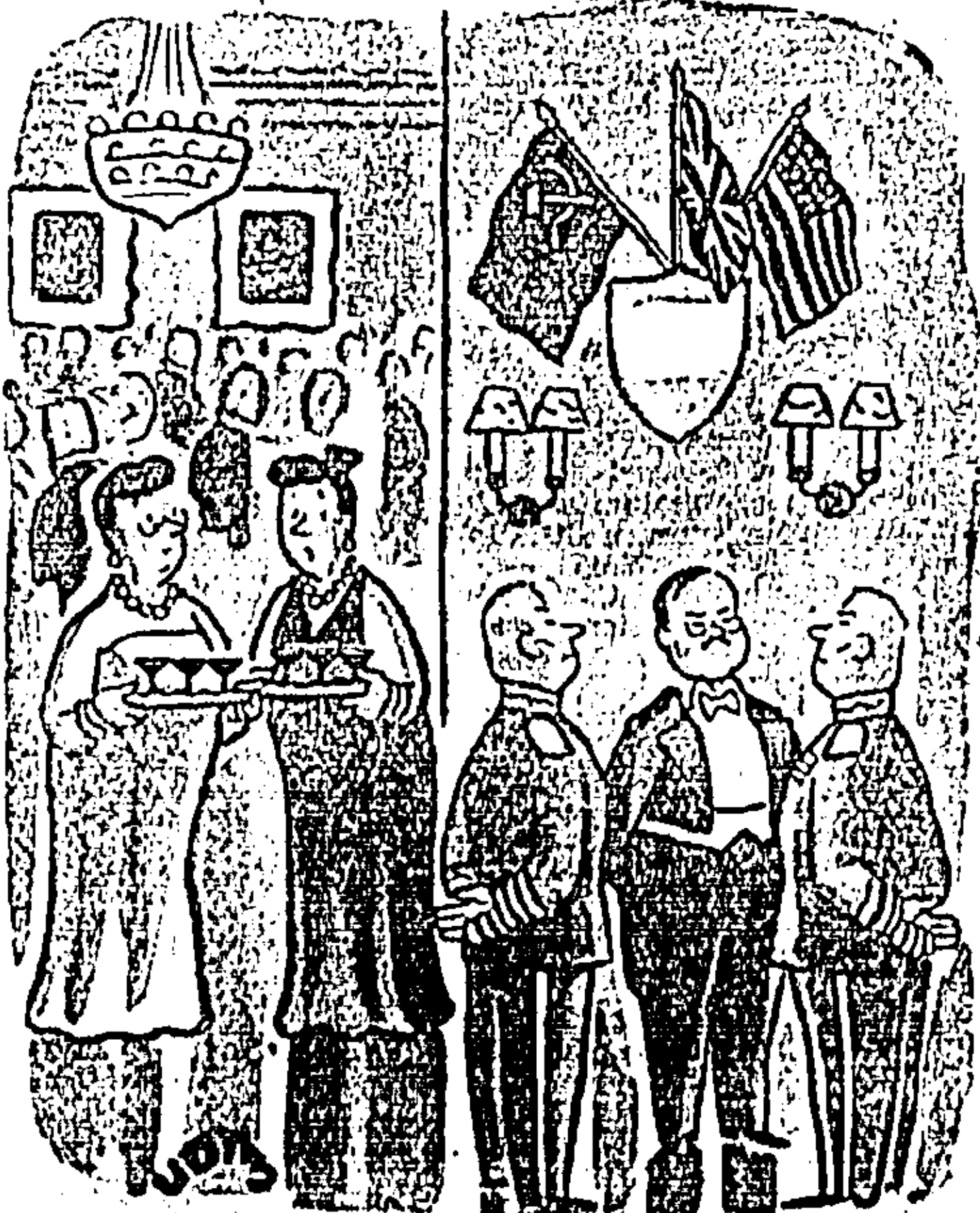
The result, of course, will be even sharper division. If Communist Berlin calls for a return of the western lands and provinces, the anti-Communists in the West will huddle in self-defence round the historic Liberal capital of Frankfurt.

It would be an appropriate gesture, since 1948 will be the centenary of the "Liberal" Frankfurt Parliament.

Thus, any Russian claim to unite Germany would permanently divide it, and the Western Powers would appear as the dividers.

POTSDAM Would be scrapped

The economy of the zones would be finally separated. Potsdam, already evaded, would be scrapped. East and West would face each other across a frontier and a Customs barrier on the Elbe.



"Go on, Emily. I'm sure he'd like a cocktail. Why, I believe he's even got one named after him!"

The Salaries Report:

Senior Officials Are Dissatisfied

By "Candidus"

SINCE the Salaries Report was published, I have discussed with many senior Government servants the general provisions laid down therein, and the reaction has been unanimous. In every case—and I repeat, I have discussed the matter with many—there is astonishment and dissatisfaction. I admire the loyalty of Government servants, and at the same time sympathise with those who, after years of service, find themselves in receipt of salaries which are not in line with the present abnormal high cost of living.

I would say—and challenge anyone to prove my assertion wrong—that the cost of living in Hongkong today is roughly three hundred percent higher than in 1941. This has been agreed insofar as the moderate wage-earners are concerned. In fact, many Chinese are today receiving four and even five times their prewar wages. And they need every cent. It must be obvious that the thousand-pounds-a-year and upwards man finds it utterly impossible to maintain his social status on his prewar remuneration—and to insufficiently increase his earnings by an extremely low and inadequate percentage reveals a complete lack of understanding of existing conditions.

A suit which cost \$100 before the war costs \$400 today. Transport, food, clothing and all the various essentials of normal living have increased fantastically. Before the war, three or four servants could be employed for roughly \$100—and the best at that. Today, the same number cost from \$400 to \$500 per month. No wonder that the higher grades are astonished and disappointed at the absurdly inadequate recognition of the fact that money has lost its purchasing power.

It must be borne in mind that many—in fact, the majority—of the people to whom I refer are specialists in various spheres. They see their counterparts in commercial life reasonably recompensed, while they themselves suffer in silence just because they happen to be employed by Government. What hope has the Colony of progressing happily?

It will be admitted that many departments are grossly understaffed, that work is piling up on the desks of executives, and that their willingness to carry on against almost insuperable odds is discouraged by the fact that their plight is not recognised. What hope is there of attracting experts and specialists as old hands retire and spread their tale of woe in England? What could be more reasonable than for Government to take each case of senior officers individually, and assess compensation accordingly?

It is not a question of being lavish, but one of common reason and justice. We bring experts out from home occasionally and recompense them according to their professional prominence. Let it be remembered that we have experts in Government service (excluding the underhands who should have been sacked years ago) who are experts not only in their respective spheres, but in knowledge of local affairs and requirements—men upon whose work the Colony depends. The men I refer to are beyond corruption, otherwise they might not grumble. It is indeed a sorry state of affairs that such men, after years of devoted service, should find the cost of living in this present crazy world beyond their means.

It is unlikely that unity with Berlin will be an effective slogan if separatism promises greater prosperity.

Secondly, however sharp the ideological division, there is not the slightest evidence that the Russians are eager or ready for a struggle. Their policies are the politics of fear.

Educated people have no need to be timorous, and instead of rushing into an opposite hysteria, we in the West, while organising our zones as a rational unit, should preserve all the machinery of conciliation intact; for it may still be useful.

There is plenty of it left, and it covers wider fields than Germany. If it is used, we may find that the London Conference has marked the end, not of agreement, but only of agreement by public conference of Ministers.

JESTS AND JEERS

Oh, Yeh!

Be it ever so humble, there's no place to make a home.

Some people don't mind a bit about running into debt, but are greatly troubled about running into their creditors.

A woman is either a hit or a miss.

Propaganda is the other side's case put so convincingly that it annoys you.

Overheard after a wedding: "They should be very happy. They're both so much in love with him."

An observant man is the kind of fellow who noticed that Lady Godiva rode a white horse.

The writer who said that any man can get a kick out of married life must have partnered his wife at bridge.

A foreign visitor was being shown a big Soviet sign factory.

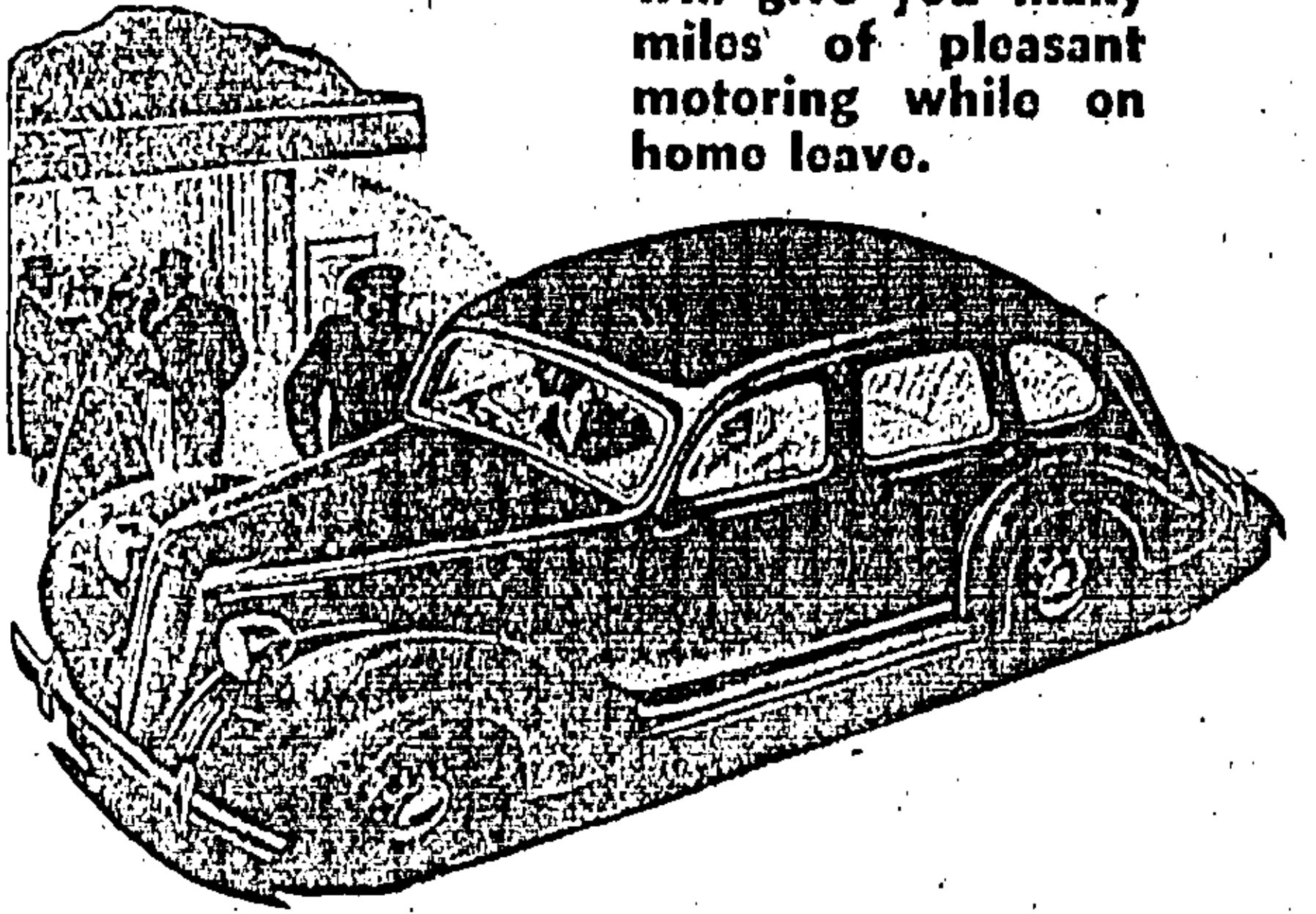
"We turn out about 500 signs a week," proudly said the Russian, "and when business demands it, we can step it up to 2,000."

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Singapore And Malaya Enjoy Prosperity Wave

Singapore, Jan. 9.—Singapore and its hinterland on the Malayan Peninsula today have become an oasis of prosperity and unequalled recovery in the heart of troubled Southeast Asia.

Singapore and Malaya, like the Netherlands East Indies, Siam, Indo-China and Burma, suffered four years of Japanese oppression, incompetence and neglect.

But, unlike the other countries of Southeast Asia, they have been spared revolutions and political disturbances in the two years since Japan's surrender. There is, of course, political dissension in Malaya—arguments over the structure of the new Malayan Union—but so far it has not impeded economic rehabilitation.

Local economists say that Singapore and Malaya are now experiencing a prosperity that far exceeds that of the best prewar years.

Singapore more than ever before is a centre of international trade and finance. Foreign capital, seeking profitable channels for Far Eastern investments, is finding in Malaya the only feasible location so long as civil war continues in Indo-China and the Indies, the political future of Siam remains doubtful and the newly independent nations of Burma, India, Pakistan and the Philippines are unable to provide economic and financial stability.

Industrial Plants

Singapore is soon to have new factories built by General Motors, the Carrier Corporation and International Carbon. The city's businessmen regard these merely as the beginning of an industrial development that is likely to bring in British manufacturers as well.

Unsettled conditions in the Dutch East Indies have diverted a considerable volume of trade to Singapore, but, on the other hand, the Dutch blockade of ports held by the Indonesian Republic has had an adverse effect.

Singapore itself, now a crown colony severed from the Malayan Union on the mainland, is not a producing centre. It depends on production in neighbouring territories, particularly the Indies. The main deterrents to trade in the Colony are international community controls and foreign exchange controls. But because much of the Indies trade is on a barter basis, Singapore cannot claim to suffer any great handicaps.

Twin Staples

The twin staples of Malayan economy are rubber and tin. In the two years since the Japs left, the rubber industry has been completely rehabilitated and production now equals, and in some spots actually exceeds, pre-war levels.

Tin production, impeded by the lack of mining equipment, high labour costs and low prices that have prevailed since the war's end, is still below the prewar level.

Other produce in the area is not yet flowing to world markets through Singapore as it did in the years

before 1940. Spice production in the Indies is still only about 20 percent of prewar, copra still is comparatively scarce, sago flour production is just beginning to approach normal and the rice shortage continues to plague nearly all of Asia.

Singapore import-export firms today find themselves doing a volume of business and reaping profits that they would have considered fantastic in 1939.

Illuminating Figures

Some official figures are illuminating. In 1939, the total value of exports from Singapore was Straits \$405,765,340. In 1946, the value of exports from the city totalled \$406,516,084. Exports from the Malayan Federation (now the Malayan Union) in 1939 totalled \$151,270,581 while in 1946 the total was \$253,878,490.

The monthly average value of imports into the Malayan Union in 1946 was \$7,846,000, greater than the monthly average in 1939, while for Singapore the 1946 monthly average value of imports was \$17,659,247, greater than in 1939.

Statistics for 1947 are incomplete, but the import and export value totals are certain to be much higher than those of the previous year. For example, the average monthly value of exports in 1946 was \$38,876,340, while in no month last year did the value of exports fall below \$50,000,000 and in nine months of the year it was above \$60,000,000. The proportional increase is the same for the Malayan Union.

Records Broken

The value of exports last November from both Singapore and Malaya more than doubled the monthly average of 1939.

Imports into Singapore in the same month had a total value of \$22,506,792 and into Malaya \$25,671,754.

Such record-breaking figures as these are viewed with popping eyes by even the most optimistic Malayan traders.

How long can it last? Some say indefinitely, because of the steady world-wide demand for the products that are the base of Southeast Asia's economy. Others, more cautious, point out that since Singapore now is benefiting in large measure from the troubles of the Indies and Indo-China, the return of peace to those beleaguered territories will mean a drop in Singapore and Malayan trade, they say. But even they foresee no early end to the Singapore boom.

Meanwhile, the golden harvest continues for big business, while the little man, like little men the world over, is still confronted by inflationary prices for food and consumer goods, most of which must be imported. — Associated Press.

SPORTS FEATURES

Police And Sing Tao Meet For First Time Tomorrow

PROMISING SOCCER TIES

(BY "SEE TEE")

Before next week-end's second round matches in the shield competition, there is, this week-end, a most interesting pairing of senior clubs in the second half of the league programme. Of special service interest is the first meeting of the Navy and the Buffs at Causeway Bay; while the RAF's return match with South China at Sookunpoo should attract a good number of both service men and Chinese.

The pick of tomorrow's fixtures is at the Police Ground where Sing Tao are the visitors to the custodians of law and order. These two teams are to meet again next Saturday: they are drawn together in the second round of the Senior Shield.

The draw for the second round of the Senior Shield has produced four interesting matches. It is a matter for regret (and generally so, too) that the colourful St. Joseph's are not still in the competition. Unfortunately the Saints' departure from the Shield competition was due largely to matters over which, they at least, had no control.

Club v. Eastern should be an even encounter; 25th RA, have not been doing outstandingly well but may shake a Kitchee which is minus five of its best players. Kowloon Motor Buses versus South China is the pick of the draw, and this should be a keen battle. It would not surprise me to see the Police beat Sing Tao at Boundary-street tomorrow; that match should be a pointer to next week's shield game.

Once again spectators at Caroline Hill this afternoon will feel the need for an extra pair of eyes; one with which to watch the match at the South ground between the Saints and the Kowloon Motor Buses, the other to follow the RAF-South China match below on the Sookunpoo ground.

IMPROVED POLICE

While the services are still making changes in their weekly teams, the eyes of the followers of the non-Chinese clubs—St. Joseph's and the Police—are watching with interest the steady improvement in the policemen's form. I liked their showing in the twenty minutes play we had at Caroline Hill last Saturday afternoon. With the wing halves backing up the forwards, the attack was always ready to go straight into action.

The Police wingmen stayed out on their wings, took the ball deep towards the corner flags before centering, thereby frustrating any close packing of the goal by the South China defence. I was not too sure about the Police rearguard. More understanding as to who should cover the middle road to goal seems required.

When the Caroline Hill game was abandoned last week I went straight to the Club ground to see the second half of the match between the Club and the Saints. The half time score was 4-1 for the Club and I was told that Saints' defenders had, at least helped, the Club to net two of their goals. It was not a good bright second half. There were too few spectators to rouse the players to great things. A large area in the centre of the playing pitch was suffering from an overdose

of watering and hindered players of both sides. Despite many energetic runs the price, even of a consolation goal, eluded the Saints.

Most of the Club's attacks which I saw were severely dealt with by Gosano, and there was little good forward play. The only goal of the second half fell to the Club, from Weller's head. It was a good, sporting game and again underlined the continuing improved form of Leck in the Club goal.

Something very much went wrong with arrangements at Caroline Hill last Saturday afternoon. A very fine game between two of the most improved clubs in the league, South China and the Police, was abandoned after 20 minutes because it was stated that there was broken glass on the playing surface of the field. If there were glass there in such quantities let's hope it's cleared before Mr. Havelaar carries out his inspection of the ground today. The Football Association's programme is quite crowded enough without the loss of a Saturday and a Sunday afternoon as occurred last week, in the one instance at Caroline Hill, and the other at the Club Ground.

South China beat the RAF 3-1 in the first half of league programme on October 1. Since then the Air-men have suffered many "downs" but seem to be on the "up" again now, as are South China. Their second meeting at Sookunpoo this afternoon, is one of the most attractive fixtures of the day. How Leung, the veteran South China pivot, will fare against the speed and dash of Sewell, of the RAF may well be the hinge on which the result will swing.

The second division match between the second strings of Kitchee and St. Joseph's, which is the curtain-raiser for this afternoon's meeting of the Navy and the Buffs, is a most likable fixture. Kitchee are a clever, if somewhat over-confident, band of youngsters; while the Saints are bursting with speed, energy and enthusiasm.

Even though the sailors are expected to make several changes from the team which surprised Kowloon Motor Buses last Saturday, this match with the rising Buffs should be very much an "occasion" at Causeway Bay. The all-service flavour is heightened by the appointment of an RAF referee.

BACKGROUND

The background of other week-end matches is quite interesting. Kwong Wah entertain 25th RA at Boundary-street this afternoon. These two sides last met at Sookunpoo on October 2, sharing two goals and two points.

The Saints and the Kowloon Motor Buses, who meet at Caroline Hill this afternoon, last met in early October on the Police Ground; the Buses won by the odd goal in five.

Chinese AA, who were on top of their form in the early part of the season, beat a strong Inniskillings side 5-2 on October 2. The Athletic have lost some of their early season form, and the Inniskillings now change their eleven nearly as often as the Navy. The two meet at Sookunpoo tomorrow afternoon.

Both Kitchee's and Eastern's elevens having been "Sing Taoed" (Kitchee the more so), the early 3-2 victory of Kitchee over Eastern is of no real relevance.

Tomorrow is the first meeting of the season of the Police and Sing Tao. It is a match to which I am looking forward and hope to be there.



The 1,500-metre open relay race, included in the recent Inter-School Athletic Meeting programme, was won by the Buffs. Here is the winning team comprising Lieut. Broadley, Pte. Warrender, Pte. Thomsen and Cpl. Arrowsmith. —Golden Studio.

Baseball Popular Again In Japan

(By ERNEST HOBRECHT)

TOKYO.—Baseball enjoys greater popularity in Japan than in the United States and sandlot games go on all winter even in cold and snow.

Professional baseball is enjoying unprecedented popularity in Japan. Though the season was officially closed in November, fans are still talking about big games and the best players. Children may not know the names of many Cabinet members but they can name players and substitutes of all major clubs.

Despite the popularity of baseball, professional leagues are not making money. Every team is in the red. The high cost of baseball equipment is one of the reasons for the failure of clubs to coin profit. A glove costs 600 to 700 yen—US\$12 to \$14. A bat costs US\$6 and a pair of spike shoes more than \$20.

High ticket prices at the Korakuen Stadium in Tokyo, where professional games are held, sell for what amounts to 60 cents each in United States money. Outfield tickets are 30 cents with special infield seats going for 90 cents each.

These prices include 100 percent admission tax and from the gross ticket sales 20 percent must be paid to the stadium owners for use of the ground.

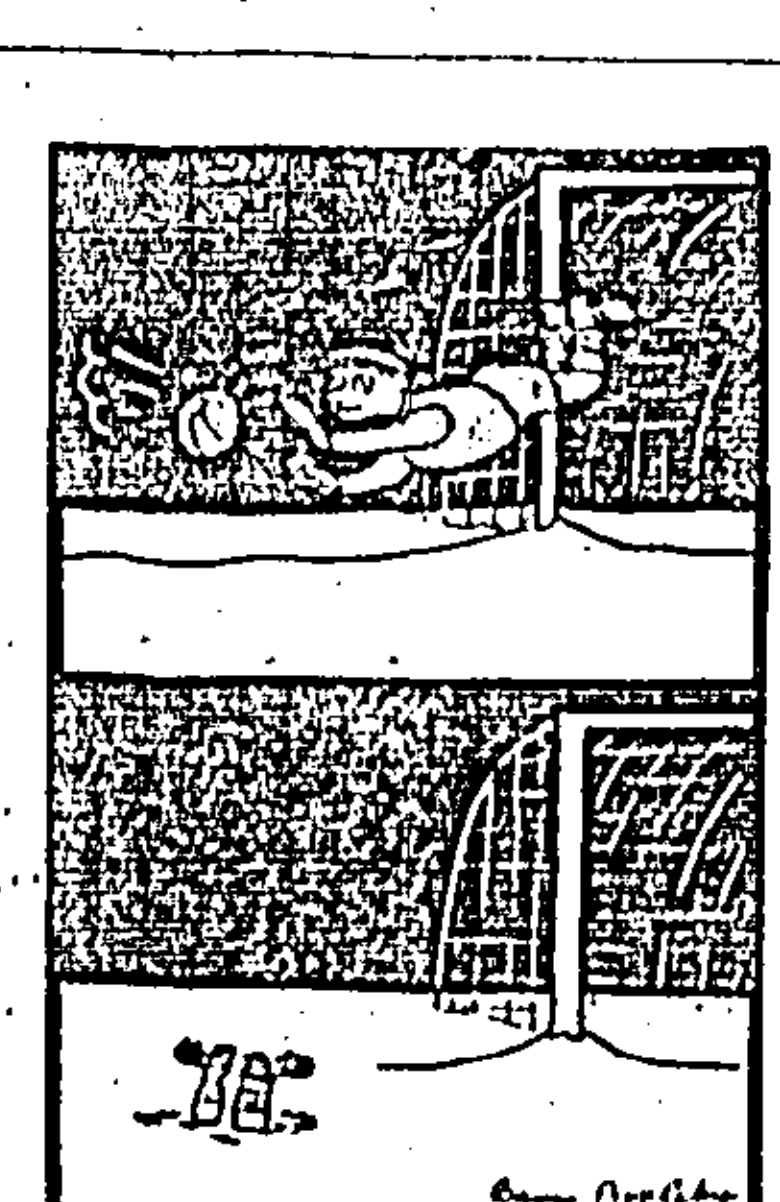
STADIUM PAYS

The Korakuen stadium people seem to be the only guys making any money out of baseball in Japan. The Korakuen Stadium stock, which has a face value of 20 yen, is quoted today at 625 yen.

Professional club owners have been trying to get the Korakuen Stadium to reduce its cut but each attempt to open negotiations drew the blunt word "no" from the Stadium managers. They know very well that they have the only stadium available in Tokyo for such big crowds.

League members, after having their ears pinned back every other day by the Korakuen people, have been working on a project to build their own ball park. But they have run into trouble on this.

The only place they can find to build their proposed 10,000,000 yen stadium is a field on which some 600 repatriated families are now living. There is no likelihood that these repatriates will move unless homes are provided for them somewhere else.



AUSTRALIAN SWIM PLAN PAYS OFF

By MILLIE HUDSON
British Olympic Representative

Australia's 18-month-old Olympic Games training plan has produced free-style swimmer John Marshall, last year unknown. He recently gained Australia's award for the swimmer nearest world class. Also a back-stroker, 18-year-old Bruce Bourke, who is now returning times comparable to world records.

The Amateur Swimming Union of Australia started this scheme with a panel of 34 swimmers under the presidency of Mr. H. A. Bennett, their representative on the Federation Internationale de Natation Amateur. The ASU's hon. secretary, Mr. W. Berge Phillips, was on the committee.

Not many of the trainees were able to swim. All, after a thorough medical overhaul, were put through a course of sunray treatment and calisthenics, supervised by the physiologist, Professor F. S. Cotton, who is making a scientific study of swimmers.

In the summer, strenuous water work was carried out, and all the contestants showed marked improvement.

27sec. Off Record

Seventeen-year-old John Marshall, of Victoria, was our national title holder in his first attempt at free-style distances except the 110 yards sprint. His time of 20min. 23.4sec. for the 1,650 yards clipped 27 seconds off the Australian record.

Marshall has exceptional flotation and swims with a beautifully easy stroke. It is said to be reminiscent of the natural crawl of "Boy" Charlton, who, in winning the 1,500 metres free-style Olympic title at 16, in 1924, bettered by 1min. 3.4sec. the existing record and started people talking of "the Australian crawl".

Marshall's stroke varies a little in that he has a fast driving, even kick, more modern than Charlton's which contained an occasional scissor movement between the thrashes.

Bruce Bourke won last February the 110 yards national backstroke championship in 1min. 13.4sec. (Olympic 100 metres record is 1min. 5.9sec.). He has improved a great deal since then and recently swam 600 yards backstroke in 11min. 25sec. which is considered a possible unofficial world record. No world record exists for this distance.

Longest distance world backstroke record is for 400 metres. The time for it of 5min. 10sec. was set by the American, Adolph Kiefer, holder of all men's backstroke world records. His 600 yards time of 11min. 31.2sec. listed in the men's noteworthy performances this year, is 0.2secs. slower than Bourke's. Both swam over 20-yard courses.

SPORTS DIARY

TODAY

Football—1st Division

Sookunpoo—RAF v. S. China, 4 p.m.
Navy—Navy v. Buffs, 4 p.m.
Police—Kwong Wah v. 25th RA, 4 p.m.
Caroline Hill—St. Joseph's v. K. Motor Bus, 4 p.m.

2nd Division "A"

Sookunpoo—HQLF v. RAOC, 2.30 p.m.
Navy—Kitchee v. St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.
Caroline Hill—S. China v. K. Motor Bus, 2.30 p.m.

2nd Division "B"

Police—RAMC v. Chinese AA, 2.30 p.m.
Valley—Chinese Cadre v. Sing Tao, 2.30 p.m.
Valley—Electric v. RASC, 4 p.m.

Cricket

KCC—KCC v. CCC, 2 p.m.
Craigengower—CCC v. KCC "A", 2 p.m.
Sookunpoo—IRC v. Recreio, 2 p.m.
HKCC—HKCC v. University, 2 p.m.

Rugby

Club—Quadrangular Tournament: Club v. RAF and Police, 4.15 p.m.

Lawn Bowls

KBGC—Farewell match to Mr. H. Nish, 2.30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Football—1st Division

Sookunpoo—Inniskillings v. Chinese AA, 4 p.m.
Police—Police v. Sing Tao, 4 p.m.
Navy—Kitchee v. Eastern, 4 p.m.

2nd Division "A"

Navy—Navy v. Talkoo, 2.30 p.m.
Police—Eastern v. Police, 2.30 p.m.
Sookunpoo—Dockyard v. WD Chinese, 2.30 p.m.

2nd Division "B"

Caroline Hill—S. China v. Signals, 4 p.m.
Valley—25th RA v. REME, 4 p.m.

Softball

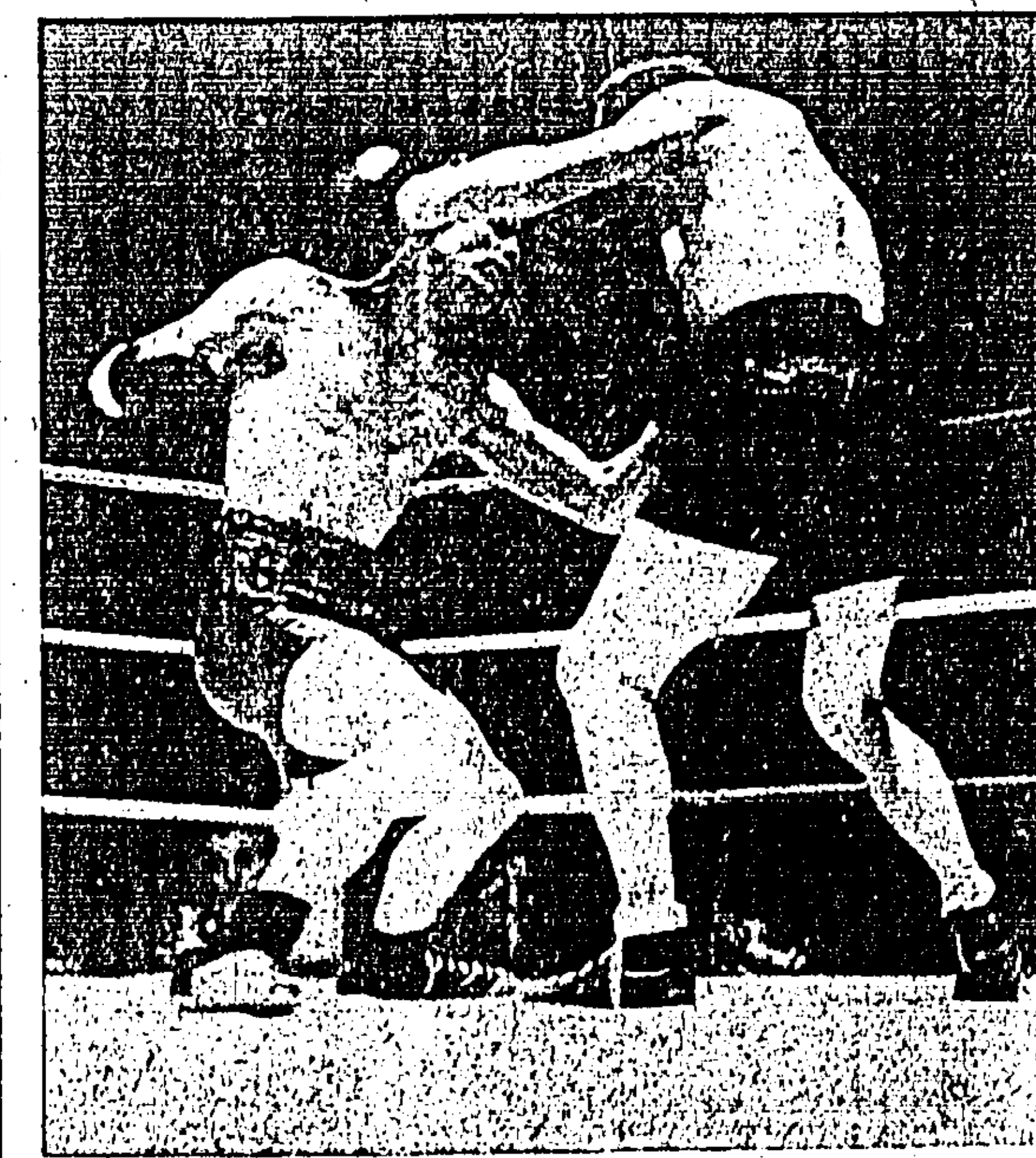
(See "Softball Chatter" on this page for the weekend fixtures)

Badminton On Monday

The first badminton league season since 1941 opens on Monday night with 14 men's doubles teams engaged. Senior and junior teams will be opposed this year, although separate trophies will be competed for. The three senior sides are Sing Tao, University and Recreio, with Sing Tao starting slight favourites. University "B", Recreio "B", Chinese YMCA, KCC "A" and St. Teresa's "A" are expected to be the most prominent contenders for the junior honours.

Men's Doubles

Monday, January 12—University "B" v. Chinese YMCA; St. John's v. Kowloon Dock; VRC v. Kowloon Tong; Police v. Recreio "A"; KCC "B" v. Recreio "B"; St. Mary's v. St. Teresa's "B"; St. Teresa's "A" v. Sing Tao.



Peter Kane of Britain defending his Europeanbantam-weight championship against Joe Cornell, the Belgian champion at Velle Vue, Manchester recently. Kane gained a point's win after a poor fight.

Softball Chatter By "Spectator"

THE LADIES TAKE THE SPOTLIGHT

Wildcat-Ace Fracas

The ladies take the League spotlight this week-end. Two colourful outfits of the triumvirate of hot contenders for the championship are to be locked in battle, as the much improved Wildcats go all out for sweet revenge against the Madcap Aces, who came out on top in their first round engagement. The third "tripartite dissidents," the Wahos, will also be on view, matched against the Canadians, also in a return encounter; the first being won by the Wahoo femmes.

The women have indeed started a "hate" triangle—in the initial meetings, Aces beating Wildcats, the latter winning from Wahos and the first named going down to Wahos. This indication of the contingent's evenly matched struggle gives an idea of the tooth-and-nail struggle which is expected to ensue in the Wildcat-Ace fracas tomorrow. Both teams should start at scratch. Any odds-on money for any of the two will be swooped up with alacrity.

However, I am inclined to give the nod to the Wildcats to end up on the right side, with little thought, because of their marked superiority in the battery section. Speed merchant twirling Dolly Brown is sure to be a menace, while on the receiving end is able support from that power-packed Eric Babida—Mrs. Babida, if you like—who, in spite of her weight and perhaps her age—being a little older than the rest—is, however, second to none in the League for her all-round ball playing capabilities and agility. She is obviously a popular figure on the softball diamond.

LIVELY PAIR

The opposite numbers of Madcapville in hurler Therese Baptista and hindsmither Margie Xavier are a lively pair, but having less experience, will be up against it, yet fighting all the way in an uphill challenge. There is little difference, if at all, in the other departments. To make the runs, the Wildcats will rely on Peggy Silva, Thelma Watson, Eric Babida, Cynthia Motta and Helen Ribeiro to do the slamming business, while Girdle Gann, Marjorie Xavier, Inez Soares and the Remedios sisters will spearhead the attack for the Aces. This should be a most interesting game and is a "must".

Terry Noronha's Wahos should take an easy victory from Alice Mar's Canuckettes in the other feminine tilt, although it would be advisable for them not to take things too lightly, for a slip here, not impossible through highly improbable, may mean championship stocks go tumbling. This should be a game well worth while to watch, for good exhibitions should come from the Big Chief herself, Terry, Irene Castilho and Hilda Soares from the Wahos and "Glamour" Mar, dynamic Jean Lee and Ullan Koo of Maple Leaf.

Home slammers in the Wahoo-Bee match which again ended in a big-score Wahoo win—33-2—were Hilda Soares and Alda Castro, both of the victors.

OBSERVATION POST

Words of appreciation are heard all round for the donation of a shield for the winners of the women's League. Winning for three consecutive seasons entitles the victorious team its retention for good. This donation is the latest addition to the other existing trophies.

There remains now for a trophy for the Men's "B" Division League. Any sporting party coming forward? Don't rush now! Back to the ballpark... Ball fans should be more co-operative. Some of them are far from being so. They hang around too near the diamond, crowding the first base and third station. They gather little over five feet from the home plate. They stay so close to the diamond that they often are in the way, interfering with fielders scrambling for a batted or baserunners dashing for base. Does it mean they really are that short-sighted they have to be that near to have a better view? Of course, not! Then how come? Even if our play-up girls are playing, surely a better game could be chosen to get near them!

Once a swift drive of that hard softball nearly resulted in a swollen head or a broken jaw for an encroaching fan. Luckily the ball hit neither jaw nor head, though with any "luck" a painful but useful lesson would have been learned. Umpires have had near nervous breakdowns trying to send back those "invading" spectators but with little or no result. Lines marked to indicate that beyond them is "no fan's land" hold no terror for the ball fan. Officials have no police powers to order, so all that is left is co-operation. Lack of accommodation for spectators is in a big measure responsible for the present state of affairs which, fortunately, has not reached, by any imagination, the unruly point.

Tomorrow's fixtures follow:

Men's "A" Division League

C.B.A. ground—9.30 a.m. Canadians v. H.K.B.C.
Recreio football ground—9.30 a.m. Madcaps v. Police, 11.15 a.m. South China v. Filipinos
Recreio softball diamond—11.15 a.m. Recreio v. V.R.C.

Women's League

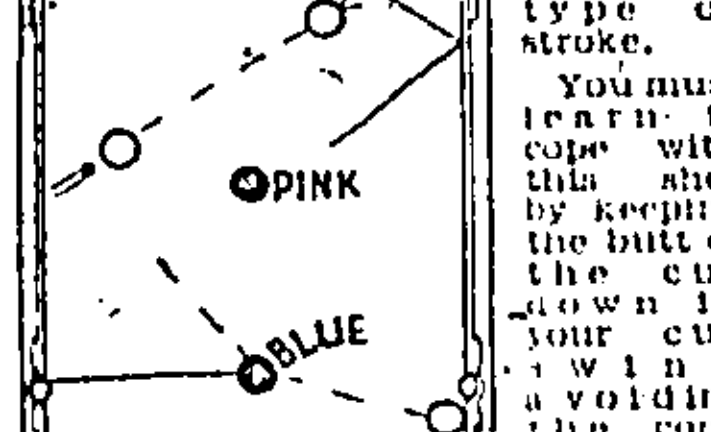
C.B.A. ground—11.15 a.m. Canadians v. Wahos, 2.30 p.m. Madcap Aces v. Wildcats.

Coming Champion?

In Britain, youth is ever to the fore in sport. Two who are taking the future in their stride are eight-year-old Maureen Gardner, Oxford ballet dancer, and British women's eighty metres hurdles champion, and Geoffrey Dyson, her coach. They are engaged to be married. Mr. Dyson thinks Maureen is a coming Olympic hurdler. He is, by the way, chief coach of Britain's Amateur Athletic Association.

Arthur Peall says:

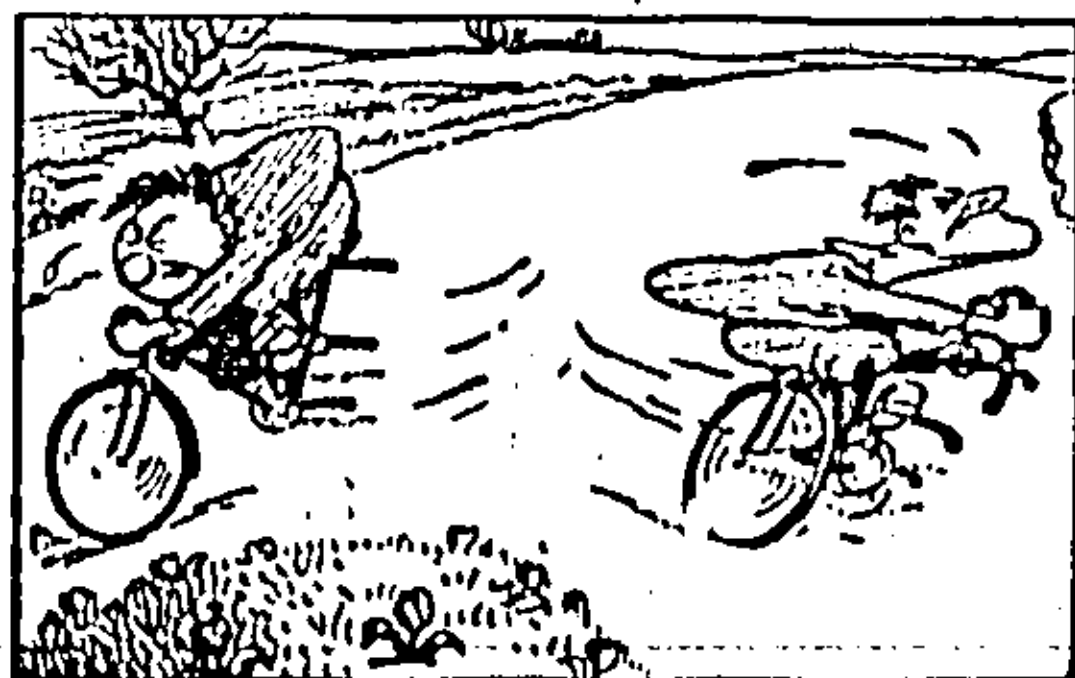
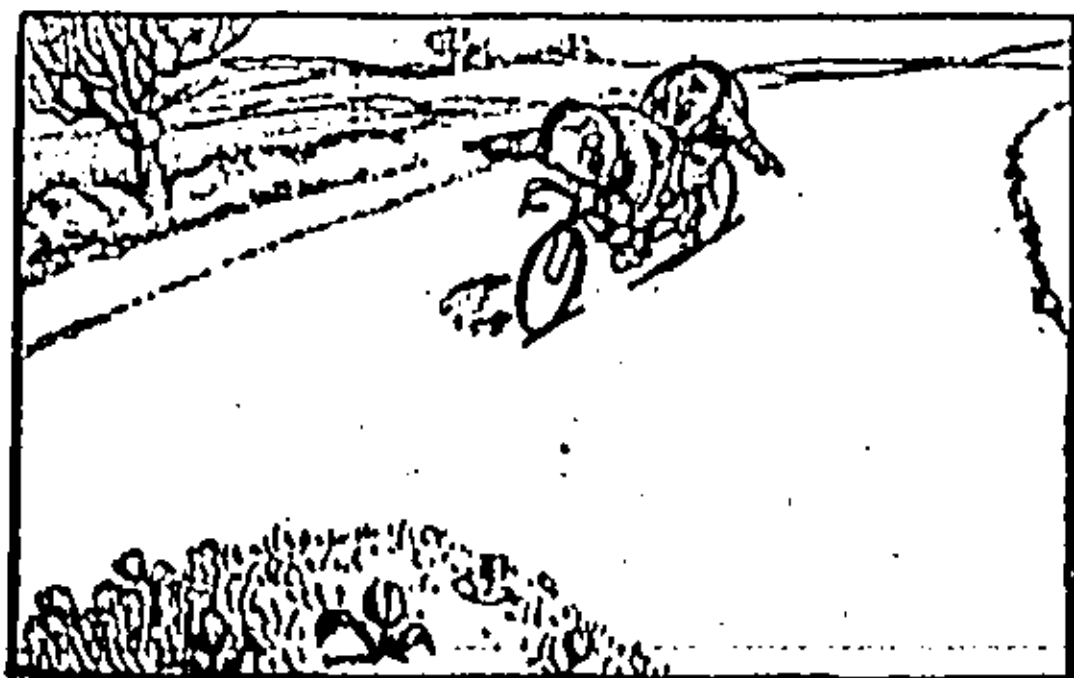
I DO not blame you if you detect a playing with cue-ball in front of you. Many players would rather tackle any other type of stroke.



You must learn to play with this shot. The cue ball is the butt of the cue stick. In your own mind, you can win or lose the game. The cue ball is the key to the game. If you are aiming at a ball, you are aiming at a target. If you are aiming at a target, you are aiming at a goal. If you are aiming at a goal, you are aiming at a victory.

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



Are You Sure?

Answers on Page 10

1. Which of these great painters designed a flying machine—Whistler, Fra Angelico, Moroni, Turner, Leonardo da Vinci?
2. Can you name a common British weed from which may be made—Wine, coffee, salad, cure for warts?
3. Ally Sloper was—Sleazy lamer, comic character in newspaper, Turkish migrant, large marble?
4. Can you name the countries from which these football teams came—All Blacks, Springboks, Dynamos, Wallabies?
5. One of these counties has no seaboard—Westmorland, Glamorgan, Hereford, Dorset, Cumberland, Durham?
6. If you were to lapidate a coconut you would—Pelt it with stones, drink the milk, cut it in pieces, shave it?
7. The busiest railway station in the world is in—London, Chicago, Tokyo, New York, Calcutta, Melbourne?
8. A cromlech is—Relic of Oliver Cromwell, prehistoric structure of stone, reddish brown ore?
9. An oologist collects—Birds' eggs, clocks, jewelry, dust?
10. Which of these Dickens' characters knew Mr Wackford Squeers—Oliver Twist, Nicholas Nickleby, Tiny Tim, Mr Pickwick?

CASINO PLAN FOR TANGIER

There is a movement under way to make the international settlement of Tangier into a rival of Monte Carlo through the legalisation of gambling and the construction of a luxurious casino.

The plan is included in a programme for modernisation of Tangier which is now before the Legislative Assembly.

However, opposition to gambling is gathering and observers predict that there will be difficulty for sponsors of the casino when efforts are made to revoke an article in the Tangier Statute which forbids gambling in the settlement.—Associated Press.

William Barkley SAYS YOUTH IS THE TIME TO jump

YOUTH is the time for getting on. To get on! It was a great phrase in the circumstances of my boyhood in Scotland. "You want to get on, don't you?" was what the teacher said when I was dull.

I am often told that young people are not so ambitious nowadays in Britain as they used to be. I don't believe a word of it. The truth as I see it is that the majority of people never did and do not now want to get on.

They don't object to being got on. Jimmy Maxton used to say with a philosophic smile that most men do not want to reach the top of the ladder.

Let such be content with the lot to which they call themselves. Let them grasp that unequal exertions will always reap unequal rewards. If they lack ambition let them seek happiness in little things.

They have all but one life to live. Do not burn it up with greed and envy of those who have been more industrious or enterprising.

In a sentence

THIS to ambitious youth that I direct my megaphone. Here in one sentence are the fruits of a quarter of a century's observation on this topic. If you don't like the job you are in—jump out of it.

If you see somewhere else to land, so much the better. If you don't, then take a leap in the dark. And keep jumping until you make a happy landing. Youth is the time to jump. When you are older with a wife and children on your back you will not be so good at the long jump.

Youth is the time of spring. "Spring it was when the world began," sings Vergil. Ver illud erat. And if you detect a pun between "spring" and "jump" then blame not me but the wonderful English language which provides more fun than any other in throwing it about.

Get learning

YOUTH is the time to get as big a cargo of book-learning aboard as possible. You will never again have so much time to read until you reach the slippered ease of senility.

Youth is the time to collect paper qualifications, degrees, memberships of technical and learned associations, bits of parchment in which one college head or another in flowery Latin will order the whole world to address you as Magister or Master.

Nobody will ever obey the college head. But it is astonishing and absurd the attention that bosses and old fozzles in general will pay to a little bit of parchment rather than to the evidence of capacity in a young fellow's personality.

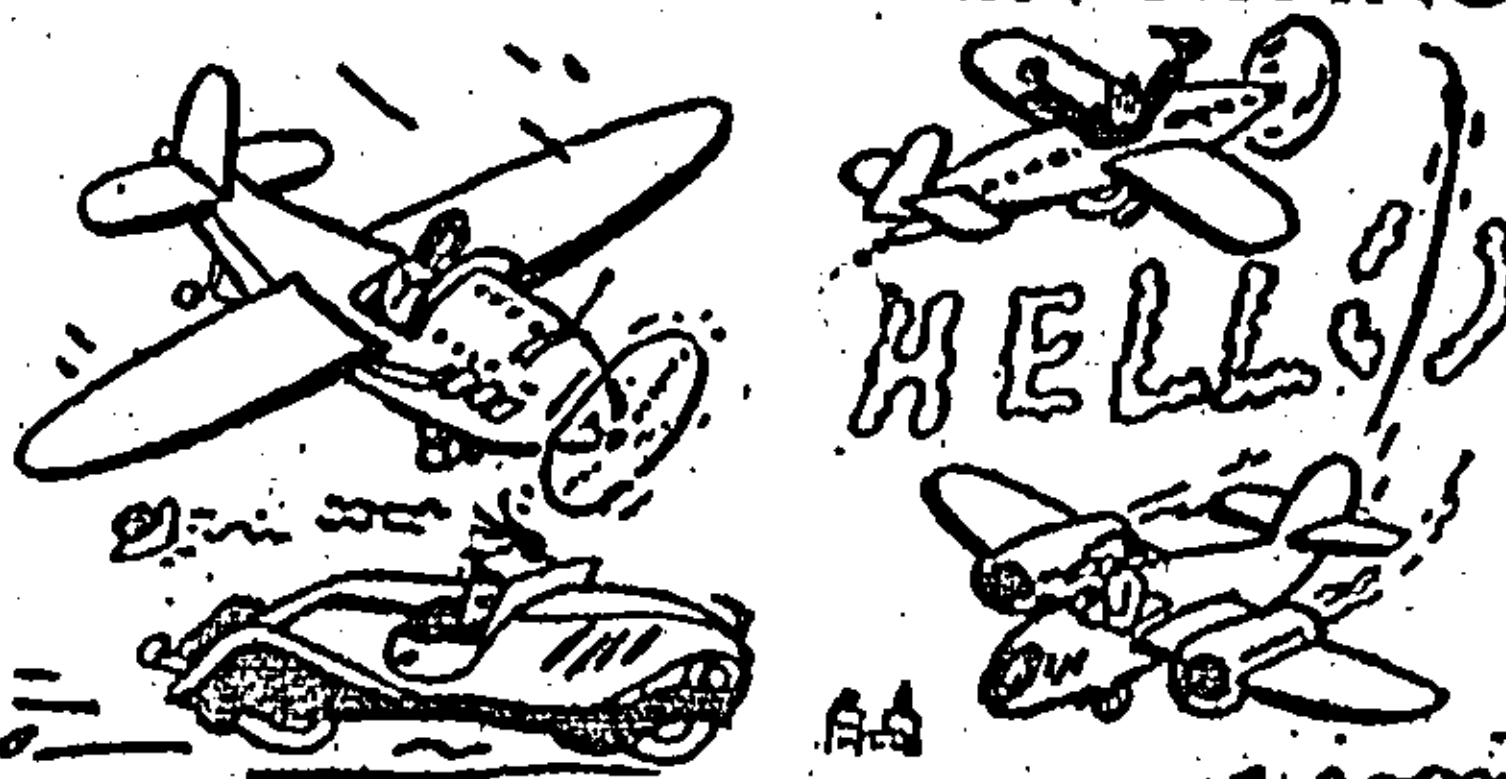
Your budget

YOUTH is the time to learn to balance your budget. No matter how small your income, live within it. See that your outgoings total less each week than your incomings. Put a little bit away each week.

At the period of the most grossly inflated prices we have ever known in Britain, just after the second last German havoc in 1918, I saved a lot of money in a professional life on £3 a week. I rented a room with another fellow, furnished it with two Army camp beds, and we cooked our own breakfast and supper.

It is not to say you should never borrow money or take a loan for a business venture. But never take your living expenses on tick. And what is it makes me talk as if I were an old man? Why, because I fell in recently with a company of old men. Splendid, solid

NOT ALWAYS PLAIN FLYING



1. Signals sent up by spark plugs of cars are confusing homing devices on passenger planes.

Instead of being guided to an airport, the planes follow streams of cars along national highways.

This has happened since the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Administration adopted very high frequency glide paths and runway location transmitters to help planes in bad weather.

During a demonstration last year, a machine (it was the same that recently flew itself to and from England on an automatically-controlled publication system) suddenly left the glide path and started to chase cars along a highway adjacent to the landing field.

The pilot had to take over the controls.

2. Airmen who write smoke advertisements high above American cities are forming a "Legion of Hate" against jet pilots.

The leader is Tom Murphy, who has written 6,000 sky signs above New York.

These men meet no interference beyond normal weather conditions until the U.S. Army started sending up jet planes.

Said Murphy: "Jet boys keep diving through our letters to have some fun, knowing us poor working guys have an air-speed of 175 miles an hour. We can't even chase them."

"Those jet jobs" dispel minutes of hard, accurate work in a flash.

old workers they were, or had been, for they averaged 75 years. They took their point and they puffed their pipe, despite the taxes, and this is what they said.

A father's pride

THEIR sons had all got on, middle-aged men now, one or two of them nearing the pension age themselves. It is difficult to convey the satisfaction with which these old men looked back and how inevitably their thoughts turned to their families and what they had made of life.

Oh for the speed of a wireless wave to flit round the country—and round the globe—to meet all these sons and observe. I should hope, pride with which they in turn looked back to their fathers' labours and encouragement.

It occurred to me then that the old men had something of a message for many a young man today coming out of the Forces or come out long enough to feel dissatisfied with his position; anxious to get on but nervous of his chances. So I will consolidate their teaching in the simple tale of Jim.

Bark in 1919

"T was in 1919 that Jim came back from the Army," said the old man, "and he went down to the shipyard. The foreman said: 'Jim, I'm glad to see you. So few of you boys have come back. And you'll go right back on the machine. Nobody's been able to mind that machine like you since you left.'"

And the old man knocked out his pipe and stood up and dashed a jig. It seemed to him the oddest thing that ever happened that the King of Egypt should write a fine letter to his son.

"I have six children," he said, "and three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, but I must get back to the mizus. She's wonderful. She's always happy."

The SNAPSHOT GUILD



Animals, like humans, have distinctive character traits. A picture such as this usually paraphrases the expression, "playful as a kitten."

PET PERSONALITIES

SEVERAL months ago a newspaper story appeared which concerned a talking dog. It was offered in good faith. Still, it was hard to believe.

But whether or not you place any credence in such a story, the fact remains that animals aren't unlike humans. Anyone who ever has owned a pet will attest the fact that they understand commands, that they have distinctive minds and characters, that they are subject to moods and are capable of a variety of expressions.

These facts are important when you approach the business of photographing pets. For just as a good informal portrait of "Uncle Dick or Cousin Sue" tells something of his or her character, so pictures of pets should be indicative of the nature of the animal.

As a result, many of the rules which apply to making informal portraits of people also can be applied to taking snapshots of animals. For example, take close-ups. Shoot at sufficiently close range so that the animal is the most important part of

the picture—not a small figure lost against a background of trees or shrubbery.

Second, insure naturalness. Trying to make pets pose is, if anything, even more difficult than trying to make Uncle Jim relax when he faces the camera. As a result, it's wise to have a pet occupied—playing with a ball, feeding, sitting up for a cookie. This enables you to pre-focus your camera, call the animal, and shoot when he's advanced to take the "bait" you've offered.

Third, convey an idea or tell a story. Notice in today's snapshot how the kitten, pushing at a door, seems to sum up the phrase, "playful as a kitten." Let your pictures show the animal's mood, expression, or character.

This, you'll discover, is the secret of the best animal pictures. A dog may have dignity, a cow calmness, a lamb an almost childish helplessness. The team that pulls a wagon has a look of patient plodding. Monkeys are mischievous. Animals—all of them—have distinct traits. Your best snapshots of them will show these.

John van Gulder

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"Benefit Performance"

By KEMP STARRETT



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ONLY A HUNDRED AND TWO BUCKS IN THE HOLE... GOODY, GOODY! LAST YEAR IT WAS THREE HUNDRED, MORE OR LESS.

Laurel May Run For P.I. Presidency

By RALPH TEATSORTH

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Manila, Jan. 9.—Dr. Jose P. Laurel probably will be an important factor in the 1949 Philippines presidential election.

To some Filipinos he is an arch-enemy of the Japanese; to some, a national hero.

Even though the so-called "puppet" president of the Philippine Republic under Japanese occupation is now on trial on charges of treason, there is no doubt that he is a powerful figure in national politics. The November elections in 1947 proved that.

Laurel's trial as a collaborator began on October 20 but recessed conveniently during the latter part of the campaign. That was to permit him to stump his own province for an anti-administration candidate for governor.

His candidate, Feliciano Leviste, won the governorship of Batangas province with that undisputed support.

May Challenge Roxas

Behind Manila's political scenes, the wise boys are saying that already two dangerous opposition candidates have appeared as possible challengers of President Manuel A. Roxas in the next presidential election. One is Laurel; the other is Camilo Osias, former Philippine Resident Commissioner in Washington, against whom treason charges still are pending.

The November elections confirmed what most observers already had said—that the brand of "collaborator" no longer carries a political curse here.

In this first national election since the islands became independent in 1946, the charge of collaboration turned out to be an ineffective weapon.

Osias Elected

Osias, education minister under Laurel and leader of the alleged collaborationist Kallibang party at that time, ran sixth among eight candidates elected to the Senate. All senators were elected on a country-at-large basis, so his popularity was not confined to one district.

His victory was the more remarkable because he was the only Nationalist party candidate elected to the Senate. The others were Liberals of the administrative party.

Observers doubt that both Laurel and Osias will be presidential candidates. They are not sure yet which will run.

Laurel's trial, although being conducted by an able, single prosecutor, Solicitor-General Manuel Lim, is dragging and it is becoming a better bet each day that Laurel will not be convicted.

Decisive Victory

If the administration did not win last year by an overwhelming majority, it at least had a conclusive victory. With seven Liberals elected to the Senate, Roxas is assured of a working majority in the upper house. The new senate lineup: 17 Liberals out of 24 seats. In the provinces, the Liberals elected 37 out of 45 governors.

The new Senate will have its first woman senator—Mrs. Gerolima T. Pecson—who worked for Laurel during the Japanese occupation and who later became social secretary to Roxas. She managed to keep her skirts clean on the collaboration issue and even was credited with assisting the guerrillas under the noses of Laurel and the Japanese.

Wife of a provincial judge, Mrs. Pecson is outspoken in her bitter dislike for Osias. She insists he was in reality propaganda minister and responsible for undermining Filipino faith in the return of American forces to the Philippines. On the other hand, she believes that Laurel acted against true Philippine national interests only under heavy Japanese pressure.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—

Across: 1, Jerusalem; 4, Affection; 7, Fatigue; 8, Kern; 9, Solos; 12, Occasion; 14, Ennounce; 16, See 1 Down; 18, Taxis; 19, Tops; 20, Add; 21, Connie.

Down: 1 and 10, Jack of all trades; 2, Effect; 3, Scissors; 5, Farce; 6, Nose; 10, London; 11, Once; 13, Antic; 15, Esse; 17, Lad.

NEW PHOTOSTRIP SERIAL (No. 6)

HOW A HOLLYWOOD STAR IS BORN ★

SYNOPSIS:

When Kirby, the Paramount talent scout tells "The Blonde" his studio wants to screen test Amber La Vonne, Olga San Juan says she's "Amber" and makes an appointment.



Since Catherine Brown does not know that the talent scout offered the test to Amber La Vonne and mistook "The Blonde" for Amber, she wanders around the lot while Olga San Juan goes to learn about the test. When Catherine sees Gary Cooper, she goes up to him and speaks. Gary, munching

an apple and studying lines, gives Catherine a cheery "Hello!" Next, Catherine sees Sonny Tufts and Mona Freeman. Then director George Marshall rehearses Catherine for a scene with Bing Crosby, who is practising golf shots on a grassy

area of the studio lot. In the scene, Catherine makes Bing's acquaintance when she accidentally gets hit by his not-too-well-aimed golf ball. Their friendship leads to big things for Catherine. (To be continued tomorrow)

Conditions In China's Red Areas

Shanghai, Jan. 9.—The Chinese people in Communist-controlled areas are convinced that the civil war is an all-out conflict, which is dominating their lives just as in the rest of the country.

This is the opinion of two members of an UNRRA team who on Christmas Day returned to their Tientsin headquarters after having been held as hostages by the Communists in exchange for eight members of CLARA who, at that time, were in Nationalist custody.

Miss Winifred Hemmingsway of Washington, D.C., and M. L. Dittman of Chicago, who are now in Shanghai, told the United Press that there are only two things preoccupying the minds of the Chinese people in the Communist areas—the war and the land reform programme.

They said that everybody in the Communist country was engaged in producing, with the accent on food. There are also arms and munitions plants "somewhere in Shantung" and the Communists are utilising every weapon at their command.

8th Route Army

The Eighth Route Army, the cream of the Communist military machine, was equipped with the best arms, including new rifles and field artillery, but the militia, which is the backbone of the Communist striking force, uses local-made weapons, many of them muzzle-loading.

Both sources said that there was no evidence that the Communists had Russian-made uniforms. Some Communists could be seen wearing Japanese overcoats occasionally, and many of them are wearing United States uniforms. But in most parts they differ very little from the Nationalist troops in equipment and uniforms.

Asked if there is any evidence of conscription, Dittman said: "We saw no actual signs of conscription. The Communists say there is none. But there is considerable pressure on men to join the Communist Army. Almost in every village you will see signs reading 'Join the Army to Protect Your Homes.' It is the pressure on men to regard the safety of the family on which the Communists depend for recruits."

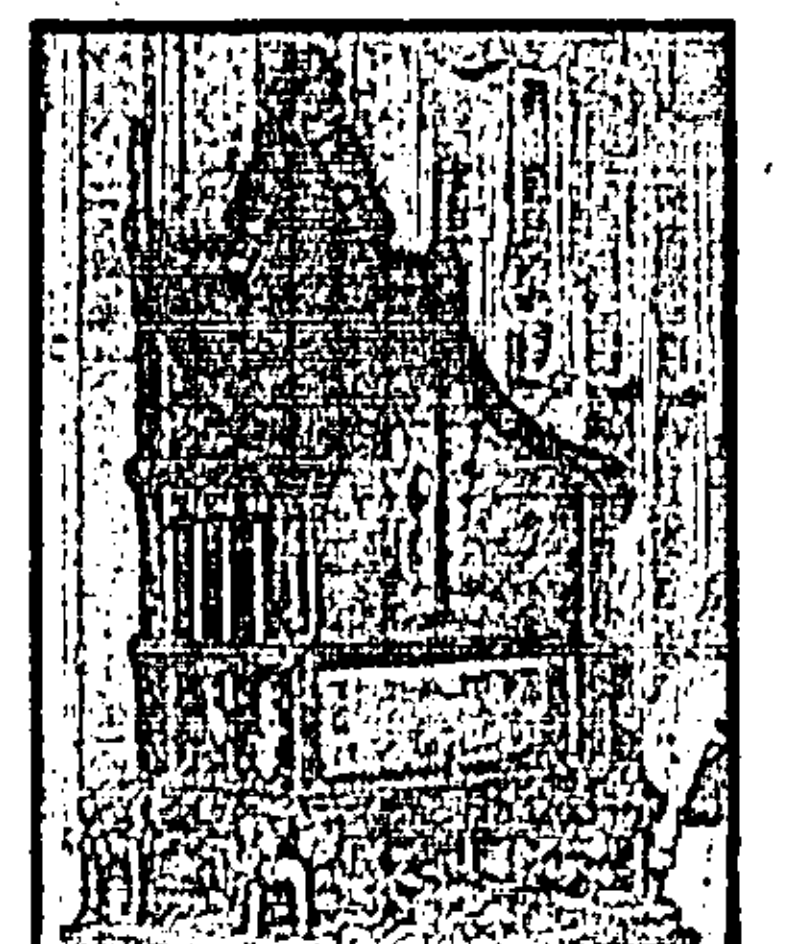
Busy Air Force

The Nationalists have a pretty busy air force, according to Dittman, with both bombers and fighters active in good flying weather. He said the largest Nationalist striking force he saw was a flight of six bombers.

The Government Air Force, regardless of the size of its striking force, however, has forced the Communists to scatter military and administrative headquarters among villages and keep away from larger cities.

Both agreed that the administrative machinery in the Communist territory worked pretty smoothly. Most village officials were elected, but in larger towns and cities an Executive Power Council names the officers while some key posts are appointed by the Party.

The postal system in the border regions is very effective, according to Miss Hemmingsway. She added that there is apparently more stability in the border region currency exchange than the rest of China.—United Press.



600-year-old chair

THE Coronation chair in Westminster Abbey is the oldest piece of furniture in London. For over 600 years it has been used for the crowning of English kings and queens.

Underneath the seat is the Stone of Scone which is known to be at least 1,100 years old.

In 1296, after Edward I had defeated Balliol of Scotland at Dunbar, he took the stone—which for four hundred years had been used in the crowning ceremony for Scottish kings—and brought it to London.

The chair was made by Master Walter of Durham, the King's Painter.

The four lions on which the chair rests are not original, but the woodwork is the same as when Edward the Second was crowned in it.

In 600 years the chair has left the Abbey only once. In 1687 it was carried across to Westminster Hall for the appointment of Cromwell as Lord Protector.

Queen Mary I. was the only monarch not to use it. She was so fearful of being polluted by using the same chair as her Protestant brother Edward VI. that a special one was brought from Rome.

ARE YOU SURE?

ANSWERS

Questions from Page 9

1. Leonardo da Vinci. 2. Dandelion. Taraxacum coffee is made from the roots. Juice of stem in summer will cure warts. 3. Comic character in newspaper called Ally Sloper's Half Holiday. 4. New Zealand. South Africa. Russia. Australia. 5. Hereford. 6. Felt it with stones. 7. Flinders Street. Melbourne. 320,000 passengers on one day. 8. Prehistoric structure of stone. 9. Eggs. 10. Nicholas Nickleby.

I challenge the Book Society

by . . . George Malcolm Thomson

THE Book Society is an organisation possessing a certain power over public taste. It is in a position to influence the reading of thousands of people. Every month it makes choice of a book for its membership and some fortunate author reaps the reward.

It must be assumed that the society brings a due sense of responsibility to its task. For it would never do if the public, through careless or hasty judgment by the society, were led to waste time and money on some inferior work.

Least of all is such a thought tolerable in present conditions, when the tonnage of paper allocated to book production is severely limited and when many of the classics and near-classics of our literature are unobtainable.

HOW, then, can the choice by the Book Society of Jon Godden's novel *The House by the Sea* (Michael Joseph, 9s. 6d.) be explained?

For *The House by the Sea* is not a good novel.

In ordinary circumstances this opinion might have been gently imparted to the public. For it is Jon Godden's first novel. And first novels are, by custom, permitted a certain clumsiness of approach, a reasonable gaucheness of manner.

They should be welcomed for any promise of accomplishment—they offer. And their failings and immaturities should be whispered in a charitable aside.

But he who speaks unfavourably of *The House by the Sea* will speak against the brass and drums of the Book Society. He should speak so as to be heard and understood.

The House by the Sea is, in my judgment, a rank bad novel. Its heroine one of the most tiresome women in all recent fiction. Within its covers there is neither the fertility of invention, the explora-

tion of character, nor the power of drama to fill 200 printed pages without tedium to the reader.

Edwina, the heroine, aged 41, spinster, goes to live in a Cornish cottage with her dog, James, but without her masterful woman friend, Madge. One night a man comes to her door. He is Ross, an American deserter and murderer. Edwina shelters Ross, and looks after his hurts. He behaves with consistent brutality and becomes her lover.

Only a master of human psychology could stretch this slight theme to novel length and hold the interest of his readers. But Miss Godden increases her own difficulties by making the most of the narrative happen in the mind of Edwina. And this is the kind of thing that happens there:

"Red is a wonderful colour," she thought. "Rubies are red and roses. Red is the colour of life and hope and excitement, of fire and youth and love. In some oriental countries it is worn by brides. They drape themselves in scarlet and paint a red mark on their foreheads!"

Those who like this sort of monologue will be glad to know that there are nearly 200 pages of it. The rest of us will find that our chief interest in the novel consists in waiting, with growing impatience,

for Ross to add Edwina to his list of victims.

MEMBERS of the Book Society who feel that Edwina is not their cup of milk-and-water might consider swapping her for Betty Askwith's *The Admiral's Daughters* (Gollancz, 8s. 6d.). This is a brightly competent, steadily entertaining novel, with firm character-drawing and an agreeably bitter-sweet flavour.

It is concerned with three young women and their lives and loves in London, Paris and Athens in days before the war came to demolish their brittle world.

Other possible "swaps" are Frank Leslie's *There's a Spot in My Heart* (Heinemann, 10s. 6d.), a pleasant American domestic comedy. Or Pamela Hansford Johnson's *An Avenue of Stone* (Michael Joseph, 10s. 6d.).

ONE of the few disadvantages of not being at war with the Germans is that we are invited to read their symbolic literature. As if there were not enough post-war problems, here comes Ernst Juenger, just heard of in *The Storm of Steel* and now presenting *On the Marble Cliffs* (John Lehmann, 7s. 6d.), first published in Hamburg in 1939.

The translator is surprised that Juenger dared at that time to write this parable of "tyranny." But Nazi censors, not conspicuous for their insight, may simply have failed to find any hidden significance in this wild, strange tale laid in an unrecognisable country and an indeterminate period. I should be the last to blame them.

Rupert and the Big Bang—13



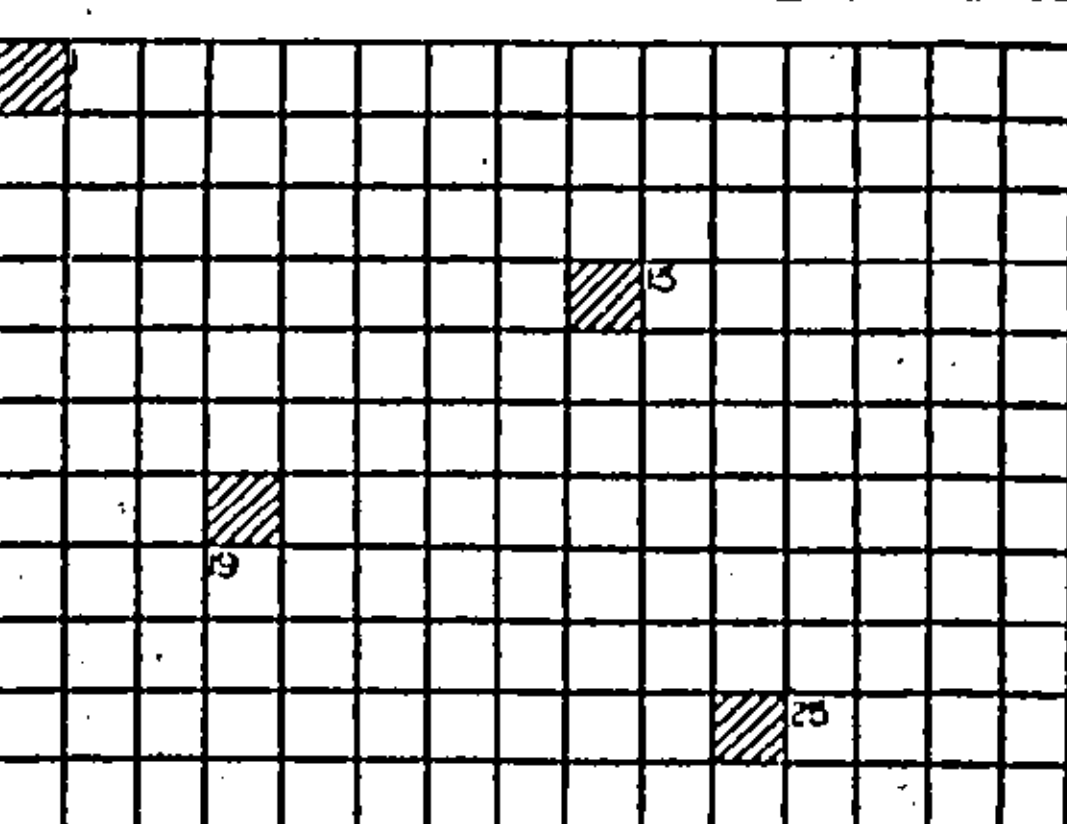
After school Bill and Algy stop at the village shop while Rupert wants to run straight off to the old ruin, when to his amazement Bingo himself comes striding along with a parcel under his arm. "Hi, Bingo, come in here and buy some fireworks with us," cries Algy. But Bingo only gives a curious laugh. "No, thanks, you can have them," he chuckles. And he marches quickly past them. "Well! What a queer chap he is nowadays!" gasps Bill.

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Skeleton Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- This kind of letter should not be dropped (two words).
- The extent of a square's interest.
- Here's a creature without a penny to its name, dash it all!
- Not a strict game point.
- Being after a pound I'm out the f a vourite
- It's a let three words.
- It's a handy sort of compliment in the Forces.
- This is praise indeed!
- Broke out? It depends entirely on the arrangement (two words).
- Intense way to arrive.
- Maybe she's not a spinner.
- Veronica it seems, should have a good send-off.



CLUES DOWN

- Back yard vehicle!
- A sea-serpent may give you some relief.
- It's an art.
- Certainly not open-handed.

- Not a long or short bob—just a normal one (two words).
- He joins the Marines in the Channel Islands.
- Thoroughly unimpaired, thanks to me.
- Behaves listlessly in Epsom.
- Discharge the contents of a lighter, shall we say?
- p for this, and it's often followed by f.
- Some wine to Mrs. Menzies, please.
- Early victim of fratricide.
- The Navy takes us around the cape!
- Curtain-raiser to "The Tempest"?
- Great up game (but not for the time!)

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Double of 1 N. T.
Is for Business

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

WITH most experts any double of a no trump is for business. The no trump is used as a denial of strength. For example, if you open the bidding with one heart, next hand passes, and your partner has a very weak hand, he bids one no trump. A double of that no trump offer can get a good penalty.

Your partner also may bid the no trump to deny your suit bid. Few experts would double Mrs. Helen Sobel of New York for business, but nevertheless that is what happened on today's hand in the world championship pair event. West opened the four of hearts, East won with the ace and came

♠ A 10 8 5 3	♥ 7 4	♦ A 7 4 3	♣ J 8 7 2
♠ 2	♥ Q 7 4	♦ A 7 4 3	♣ A 8 5
♠ K 4	♥ Q 6 4	♦ J 10 3	♣ A 5
♠ J 10 3	♥ K 10 8 6	♦ K 10 8 6	♣ J 9
♠ 5	♥ 5	♦ 5	♣ 5

Dealer

Tournament—Both vul.

South West North East

Pass Pass 1 ♠ 1 ♥

Double Pass 1 ♣ 1 ♠

1 N.T. Double Pass Pass

Opening—♥ 4

back with the five of hearts, which went to West's queen. The heart was returned, Mrs. Sobel won with the jack, and led a small diamond. East won dummy's queen with the ace, and knocked out Mrs. Sobel's king of hearts. Another small diamond was played. West won with the jack, and for want of a better lead, he came back with the three of diamonds.

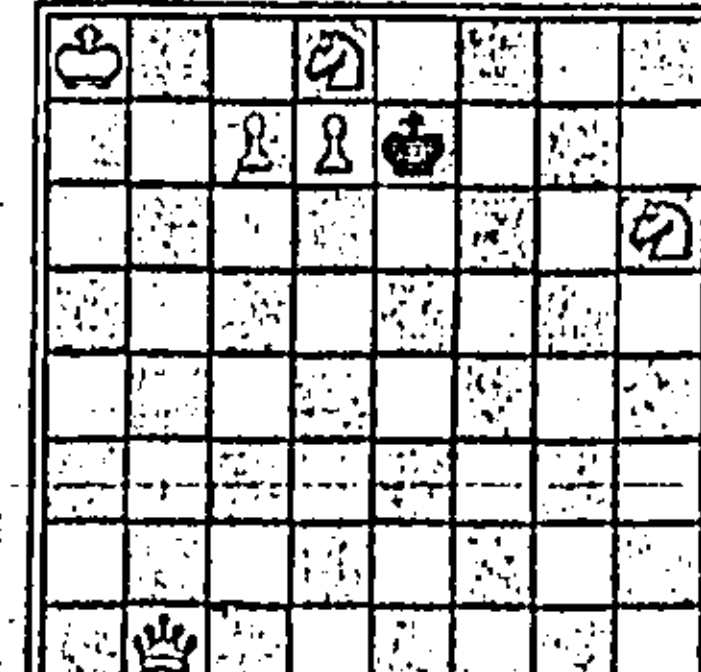
Mr. Sobel then cashed two rounds of diamonds, and West had to bare down the king and ten of clubs.

Now when the nine of spades was led by Mrs. Sobel, West saw that he was about to be end-played, so he threw on the king of spades. But of course this established the queen for Mrs. Sobel, and the ace of clubs gave her an over-trick on her doubled contract.

CHESS PROBLEM

By G. E. CARPENTER.

Black, 1 piece.



White, 6 pieces.

White to play and mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, Kt—B2, any; 2, Q mates.

BILIOUS?

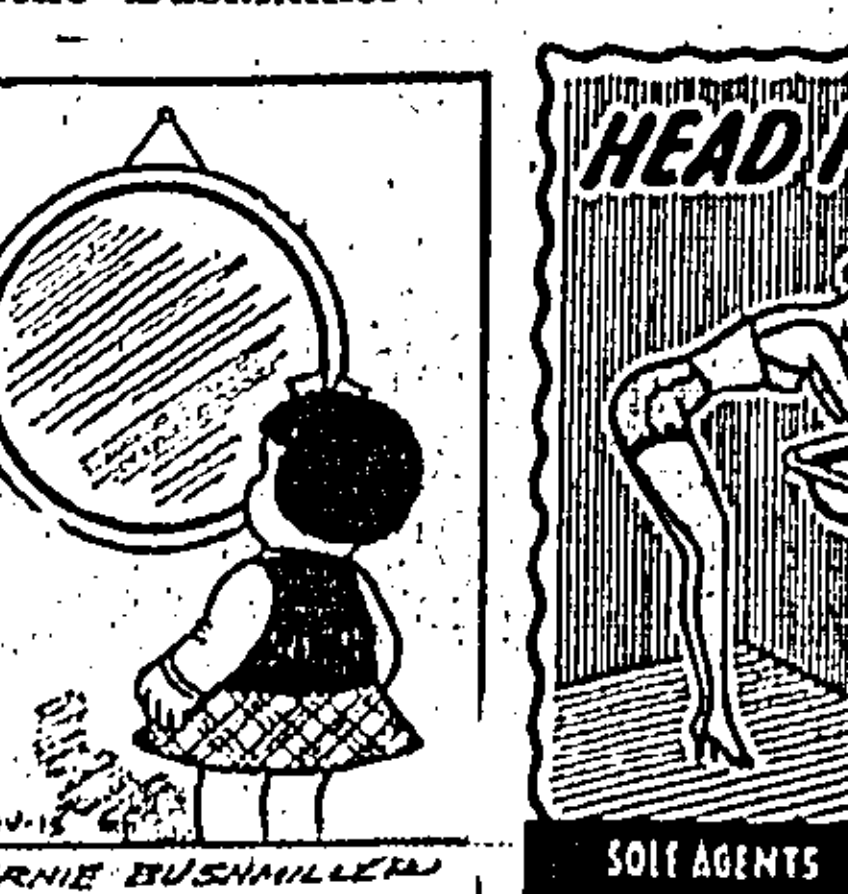
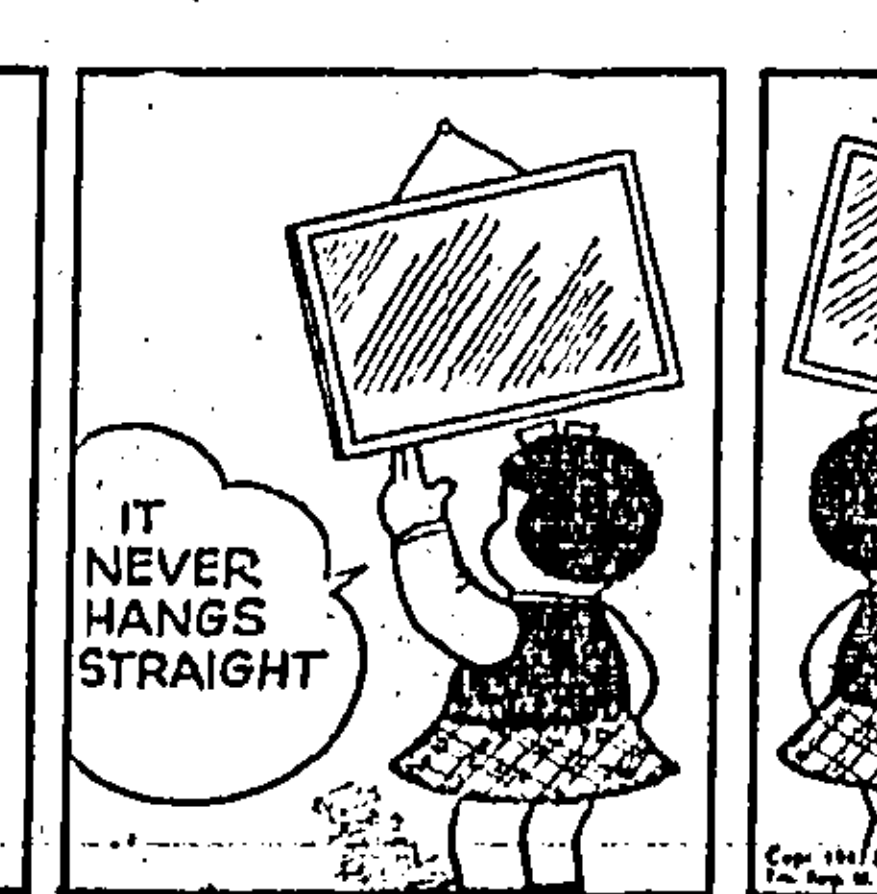
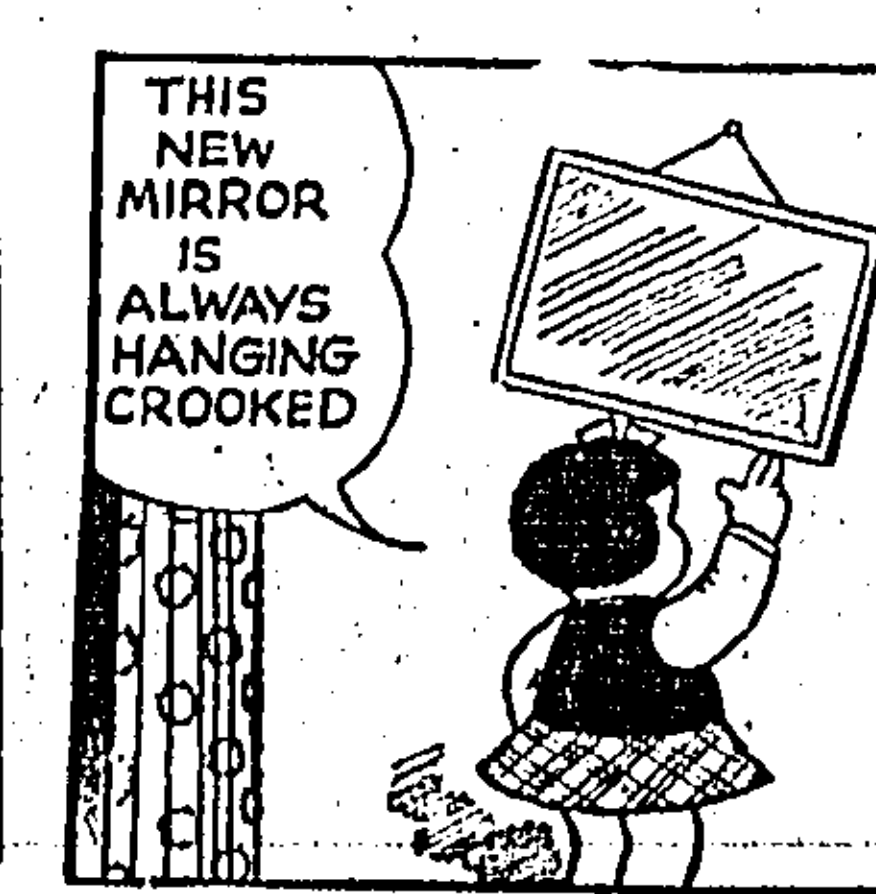
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- ☐ Indigestion
- ☐ Nervous
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NANCY Getting 'Round the Problem

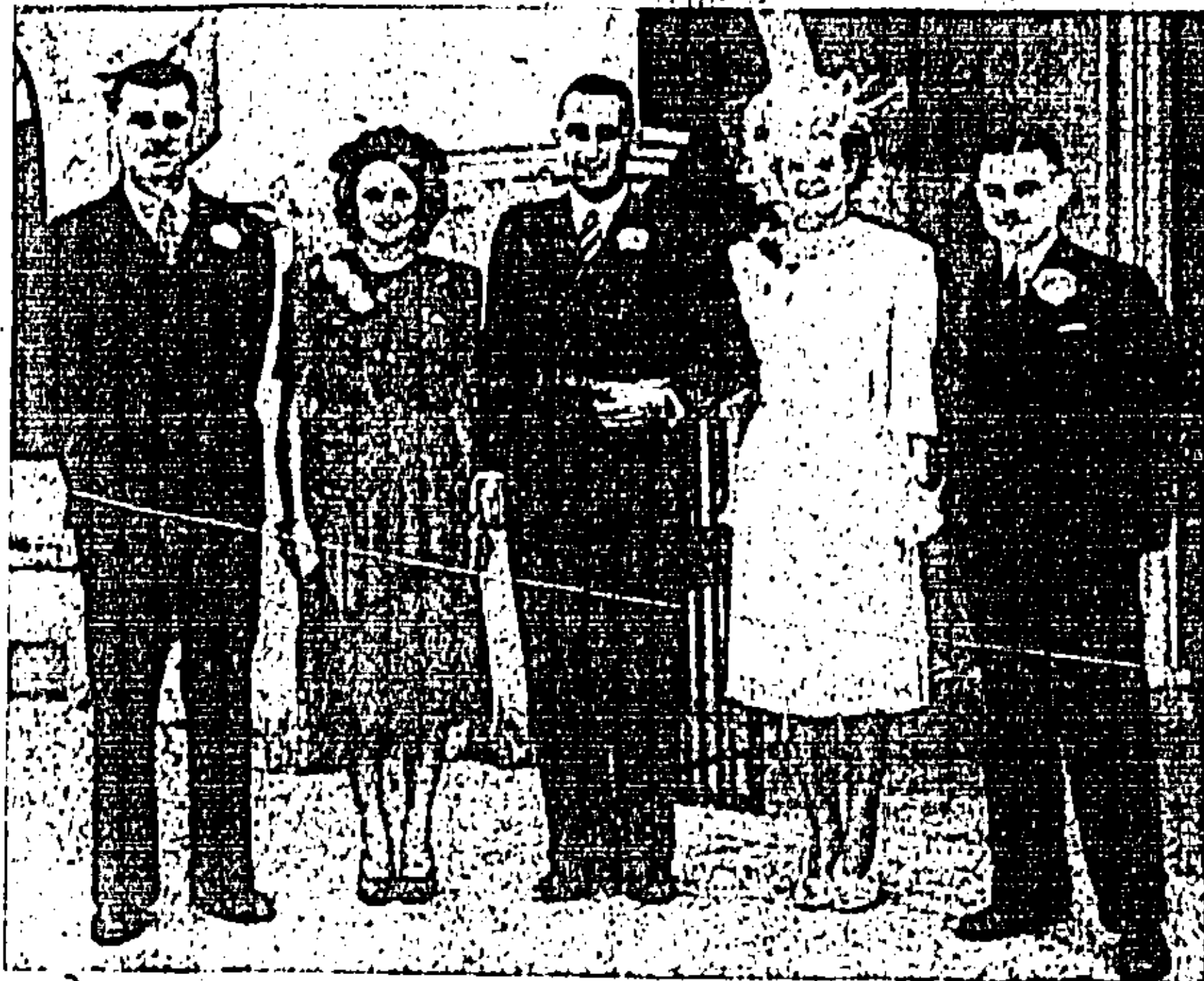


TELEGRAPH WEEK-END PICTORIAL



CUTTING THE CAKE—Above are Mr Richard Ingledby Cherrill and his bride, formerly Miss Barbara Wiant Davis, at the reception held after their wedding on Monday. (Photo: Golden Studio)

PICTURE on the right was taken outside the Methodist Church last Saturday after the wedding of Mr Eric Francis Gee and Miss Jean Jones. (Photo: Watson-Gainsborough)



THE Royal Navy rugby team which defeated the Army at Happy Valley last week, photographed before the tussle. (Photo: Golden Studio)



THE G.O.C., Major-General G. W. E. J. Erskine, snapped by the photographer during the press conference he gave this week. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



MR G. M. MULDER, General Superintendent of the Java China Packet Line, arrived in Hongkong last week by the ms. Tjitjalongke. He is seen above with Mrs Mulder. (Photo: Mee Cheung)



GROUP taken after the christening at St John's Cathedral of Michael and Peter Kwoo, sons of Mr and Mrs John H. L. Kwoo, and of Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Peter H. Sin. (Photos: Francis Wu)



MISSES Francois Volckaert, Ghislaine Ubachs, Lorette Pham and Jeannine Ubachs were among the many young ladies who helped to make the Society of St Vincent de Paul's "Rose Day" a success this year. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



THE HON D. F. Landale, head of Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., welcoming Vice-Admiral and Lady Boyd to the New Year's Eve party at the Company's East Point premises. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



MEMBERS of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club and friends packed the Kellott Island clubhouse on New Year's Eve, when a dinner dance was held. The above picture gives an idea of the large crowd. (Photo: Mee Cheung)



THE first postwar inter-school athletic sports were held on New Year's Day at Caroline Hill. Miss Mui Shun-ngan (left) of Hong Tao Middle School, won the girls' 50 metres, 100 metres, 200 metres and long jump events. Below are Ling Ying School's teams who won both the senior and junior boys' 400 metres relay races. (Photos: Golden Studio)

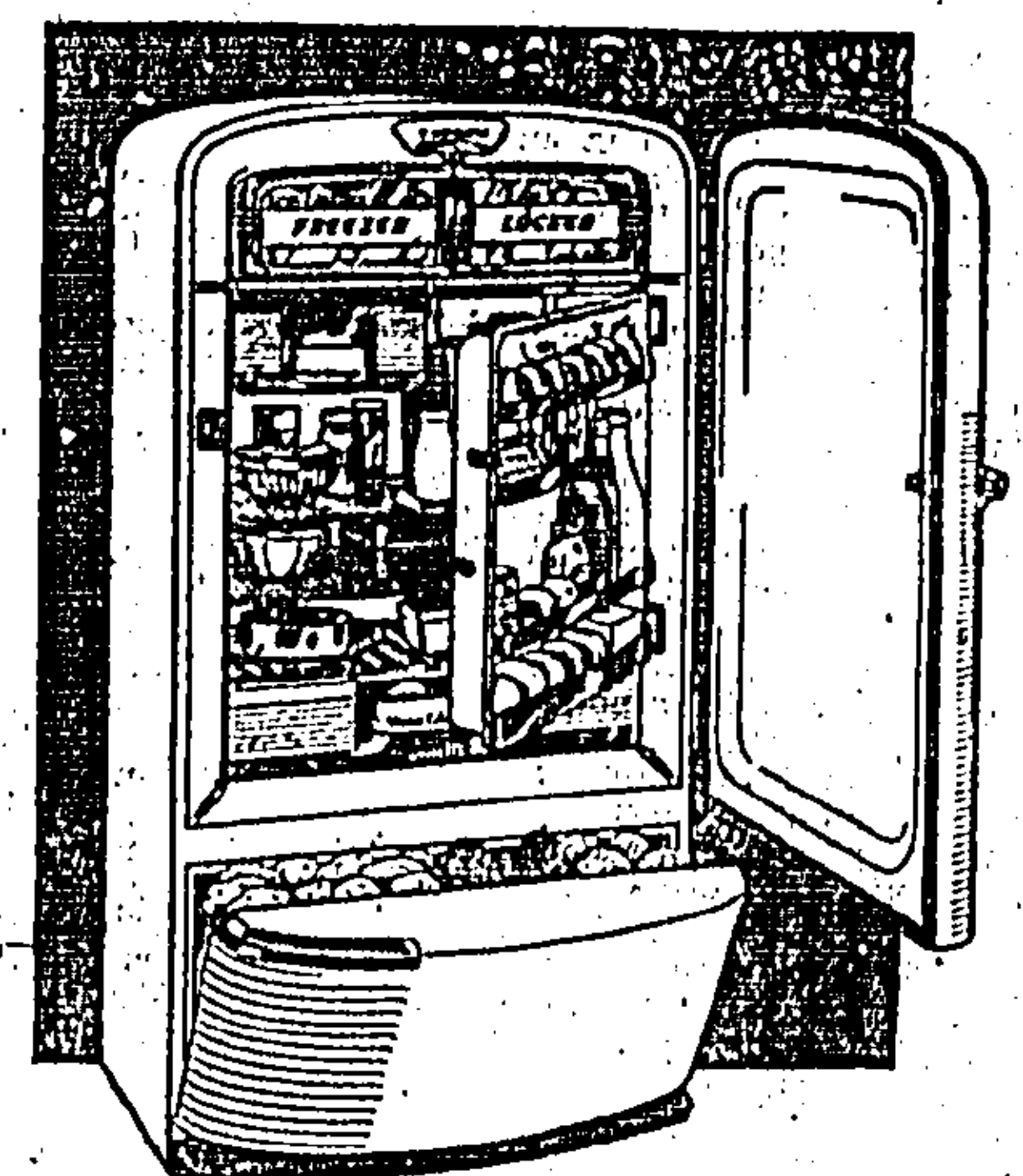


PICTURE taken after the christening at St John's Cathedral on New Year's Day of Kerry Ann, infant daughter of Dr and Mrs E. R. Hackott. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



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JAP PLOT AGAINST OCCUPATION POLICY

Rumanian Throne

Loses Powers

Bucharest, Jan. 9.—A government decree today turned over virtually all the powers of the Rumanian throne, vacated by King Michael, to a five-man High Presidium, which also proclaimed a new flag and new coat of arms.

The decree will go to the Rumanian Parliament for approval when it reconvenes on January 20.

The decree provides that the oldest man on the five-man Council be President of the Presidium. According to this, the post of President will go to Professor Constantin Farhar, noted historian unaffiliated with any party.—United Press.

ANGLO-IRAQ TREATY PROGRESS

London, Jan. 9.—The meeting between Mr Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, and the Iraqi delegation, led by the Iraqi Premier, Sayid Salam Jabur, at the Foreign Office this afternoon, is expected to prove decisive.

Mr Bevin is leaving London this week-end, hoping to resume his interrupted holiday. If this is to prove possible, there remains only some 48 hours in which to bring the negotiation to revise the 1930 Anglo-Iraqi Treaty to a successful conclusion.

Present omens are good. A further morning's hard work in committee was put in today by the Iraqi delegation and Foreign Office experts.

Tomorrow morning, the Foreign Secretary has arranged to see Sir Robert Howe, Governor-General of the Sudan, who is now in London.

Sir Robert will give Mr Bevin the views of the Sudan Government on the constitutional proposals worked out in Khartoum last summer as well as his opinion of the possibility of breaking the deadlock over the Sudan issue, which has, so far, prevented the revision of the 1930 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty.

Sir Robert Howe has already given his views on the constitutional reform proposals to the Egyptian Government in Cairo.

No arrangement has yet been made for the British Ambassador in Cairo, Sir Ronald Campbell, to meet Mr Bevin, but Sir Ronald is at present working daily at the Foreign Office.

He is expected to report to the Foreign Secretary on the prospects of revising the treaty with Egypt before the Foreign Secretary leaves for the country at the week-end.—Reuter.

SPANISH SOCIALISTS ON TRIAL

Ocana, Jan. 9.—When the trial of 17 Spanish Socialists, including four women, began here today, the prosecution demanded sentences ranging from one to 30 years, alleging that the accused wanted to promote revolution.

The defendants are charged with attempting to reorganise a clandestine Socialist Party and forming an executive committee to replace the original committee of the Socialist Party imprisoned in 1940.

The defence asked that the 30-year and the 20-year sentences demanded in six cases should be reduced to six months and the remainder of the accused acquitted.

No violence had been committed, no firearms had been found in the possession of any of the accused and the defendants were all anti-Communists, the defence said.

The sole aim of the accused, the defence said, was to provide a political organisation for such time as there was a change in the regime which, they thought, could be brought about by peaceful means.

The prosecution alleged that the accused wished to promote a revolution "similar to a civil war" and did not modify its demands.—Reuter.

"Lion Of Kashmir" New York Bound

Bombay, Jan. 9.—Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah, head of the Kashmir Interim Government, known as the "Lion of Kashmir," arrived here today from Delhi and is due to leave by air for New York tomorrow.

He is joining the Indian delegation at Lake Success, where the Kashmir question will be considered by the United Nations Security Council.

Sheikh Abdullah, who is 43, has not been out of India before.—Reuter.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Renewed reports of alleged sabotage of Japan's economic recovery by Japanese officials and businessmen are being circulated in the United States.

The allegation is made that militarists and officials of Japan's post-surrender government are implicated along with business interests and black marketeers.

Summing up the alleged scandal, World Report, weekly news magazine, said:

"Japan's industrial trusts are holding vast hoards of raw materials while shortages strangle production. 'The stocks were looted' from Japanese army supplies with official collusion. They are being sold slowly, at a huge profit, in the black market."

"A plot to thwart recovery, boost U.S. expenses and discourage the occupation, may be involved."

The occupation authorities have so far not taken a hand in the alleged irregularities. It is understood here, but this policy may be changed.

Washington officials concerned with Japanese affairs have long felt that secret efforts were going on in Japan aimed at defeating Allied reparations policies.

Stockpiles Vanish

Japan's war stockpiles, sufficient to supply that nation's peacetime economy "for four years," have

SOUTH POLE IN EMPIRE DEFENCE

Sydney, Jan. 10.—The recent Australian landing on Heard Island and the South African occupation of Prince Edward Island are widely interpreted here as part of an overall plan of Empire defence devised by Field Marshal Lord Montgomery during his recent visit to the Dominions.

Both sites appear to be parts of an Empire lifeline ringing the South Pole seas.

Prime Minister J. B. Chifley has just spent two days with leading Army, Navy and Air Force men in Melbourne. The Daily Telegraph said that details of Australia's new empire defence responsibilities are expected to be announced "in the next three or four weeks."

Australia purchased two aircraft carriers recently from the United Kingdom, and these may be used to police the route.

It is understood that one purpose of Chifley's talks with military leaders is to ascertain the cost of "Service" requirements in the next two years.

Persons close to the Government said Britain no longer could pay the bill for defence of the vast Empire trade routes, and that the Dominions of South Africa, Australia and New Zealand had been asked to fill the breach.

These informants said that, because of the changed political situation in India and the United States influence in the Mediterranean, it was probably felt that a South Pole route for air and shipping lines would be the safest and easiest to defend in wartime.—Associated Press.

Austrian Oil Price Hiked

Vienna, Jan. 9.—The Russian oil companies in Austria, which have a complete monopoly of Austrian oil production, will raise their prices tomorrow by 100 percent, according to a report in the United States controlled Vienna newspaper, Wiener Kurier.

The report added that the Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Leopold Figl, is appealing to the Russians not to deal this "catastrophic blow" to Austrian economic life.

Such an increase would mean that Austrians would have to pay 2½ schillings per litre of petrol, and it would be cheaper to import oil from abroad than to buy it from the Russians at this price.

According to American sources here, in the first 10 months of 1947, Russia exported 238,000 tons of Austrian oil. About the same amount was handed over to the Austrians for home consumption while the remaining one-third was sold at fantastically high prices on the Austrian black market.

United States sources claim that the object of such a sudden rise in prices would be either rapid enrichment or an attempt to wreck Austrian economy and bring about the failure of the Marshall Plan's attempts to make it self-supporting.—Reuter.

LOVERS TRIED SUICIDE

Kamakura, Jan. 9.—A 26-year-old Japanese policeman and an 18-year-old telephone switchboard girl drank poison at a Japanese inn here in a double love suicide attempt.

Doctors rescued the policeman but the girl died.

It was the second case of love suicide reported since January 1 but the first in the vicinity of Tokyo.—United Press.

vanished. It is claimed, "and only a tiny proportion was sold legally."

It is claimed that when the Japanese Government decided to surrender in 1945 it ordered materials in stockpiles to be sold for the public benefit.

"High-ranking officers turned over supplies directly to business concerns in exchange for bribes or executive jobs," World Report stated.

"The Zaitatsu companies, Japan's family monopoly powers, obtained the biggest share of the spoils. Much of the loot is gone for good, but other stocks are being recovered by police searches."

"Some observers feel," World Report continued, "the whole situation was part of an organized plot, designed to shore up the economic power of the family trusts, tide them through the occupation period and help them regain control of Japan."

World Report continued with this story of alleged happenings: Most of the supplies were taken by "control associations" and "control companies," which had semi-governmental status. Actually, these were controlled by the Zaitatsu families, which had handled allocation and distribution of materials during the war. The evidence indicates they "allocated" the loot among their own companies.

Government Losers

Zaitatsu companies were able to obtain materials at official prices, hoard them speculatively and resell them through the black market for 10 to 50 times as much. There is evidence that 800,000 pairs of socks sold by the government for one-fifth of a yen per pair, were resold at 80 yen.

Actually the government received nothing at all for most of the supplies. Less than 2,000,000,000 yen were collected for goods worth between 100 and 200 billion yen at official prices.

The total quantity of goods carted off may never be known. About 24,000 dumps at arsenals, warehouses and government factories were involved.

If the Japanese Government had obtained full payment for its stockpiles, it would have had enough to cover all deficit budgets and occupation costs since the surrender.—Associated Press.

FIGHTING IN KASHMIR

New Delhi, Jan. 9.—A Government communique today said that the Indian Army in Kashmir had launched an attack on rebel positions around Nushera, 90 miles southwest of Srinagar. It said fighting was bitter and the Moslem rebels had been reinforced with 50 truckloads of soldiers during the night.

It also said an Indian patrol clashed with a Moslem force of 200 men near the Pakistan border, killing 30 and driving the rest into Pakistan.

The report said Indian fighter planes strafed Moslem positions elsewhere in Kashmir. It said there was "nothing to report" from the area of Uri, 50 miles west of Srinagar, where Moslem forces were reported to be massing for an attack against the Kashmir capital.

Reports from the front indicated that the Kashmir war, which was started ten weeks ago by lightly-armed guerilla forces protesting the State's merger with Hindu India, had now developed into almost a formal battle.—United Press.

U.S. Tax Cut Proposal

Washington, Jan. 9.—Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Republican of Massachusetts, said today he expects the House to pass, about January 20, the Knutson bill cutting personal income taxes by \$5,000,000 yearly.

All signs point to an easy victory for the Knutson bill, despite President Truman's recommendation of a far different individual tax-cutting plan. Mr Truman proposed \$40 credit for each taxpayer dependent, effective this year. The loss in revenue would be made up by an increase in corporate taxes.

The Knutson legislation would go much further. It would increase personal exemptions from the present \$500 to \$800, extend to all states the right of husband and wife of split income for tax purposes and cut taxes 10 percent in high brackets and 30 percent in low brackets.

The House Republican Steering Committee will discuss the legislation on Monday. It is expected to endorse the principles of the Knutson bill and give it the green light and speedy passage.

Senate leaders are not committed to the Knutson plan.—United Press.

Government "Insiders" Traded In Commodities

Washington, Jan. 9.—Mr Harold E. Stassen, a Republican candidate for the Presidential nomination this year, today told the Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee that high Administration "insiders" had made a profit of about \$4,000,000 by trading in commodities since the war.

Mr Stassen also told the Sub-Committee, inquiring into speculation, that Mr Edwin W. Pauley, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, "did not make a full disclosure" of his trading activities when he appeared before the Committee last month.

Mr Stassen said that his information was that Mr Pauley had actually made a profit of approximately \$1,000,000 through his trading and did not lose \$100,000 as Mr Stassen said Mr Pauley had inferred.

He urged the committee to "carry through" a complete investigation, declaring that the integrity of the Government was involved.—Reuter.

Talks On Indonesia Face Total Collapse

Batavia, Jan. 9.—Unless a compromise on the Indonesian "cease fire" issue is reached before next week, the Dutch-Indonesian negotiations, sponsored by the Security Council's "Good Offices" Committee, are in danger of collapsing, it was reliably learned here tonight.

GREEK REBEL GUERRILLAS REINFORCED

Athens, Jan. 9.—The War Minister, George Stratos, said today that two regiments of guerillas, believed to have come from Albania, had been reported in Bulgaria opposite the Greek border.

Mr Stratos said it was believed they came through Yugoslavia following the guerillas' defeat at Konitsa and the retreat into Albania.

Chief of the Greek Government, Mr Stratos, said the United States Mediterranean Fleet was engaging in manoeuvres, described as "routine training exercises," which might bring it within sight of Greece and the Greek islands.—United Press.

Rumours Denied

Budapest, Jan. 9.—The rumours that a special brigade was being recruited in Hungary to join the "Free" Greek Government, of General Markos were denied here today by the Under-Secretary for Information.

Speaking at a press conference, he said that no force was being recruited, and that General Markos had no official or unofficial representative in Hungary.—Reuter.

Aid Funds Near End

Athens, Jan. 9.—Greece will have exhausted \$300,000,000 of United States aid by June 30, Mr Wright Griswold, head of the United States Aid Mission in Greece, declared today, according to the Athens news agency.

Mr Griswold added that he hoped that, meanwhile, the European aid programme would include Greece after April 1.

A military programme would be financed out of the total earmarked for reconstruction of the country.

All said beyond June 30, he emphasised, would require new credits. Personally, he hoped for further aid to Greece, but Congress would have to decide.

"The aid of the American Mission in Greece is the improvement of economic conditions, and I believe we shall achieve it," he added.—Reuter.

No Submarines

Washington, Jan. 9.—The United States Navy today followed up the announcement that Greece had received six motor gunboats under the Greek aid programme with a denial that any submarines were to be sent to Greece.

The denial followed a statement by Mr Carl Vinson, Congressman from Georgia, correspondents that six submarines would also be transferred to Greece.

Mr Vinson, a member of the Armed Services Committee of the Lower House, said, following the Navy denial, that he had meant to say "six gunboats" not submarines to the correspondents when he spoke to them after today's announcement that the United States was transferring four fleet type submarines to Turkey and that Greece had received the gunboats.—Reuter.

Marshall Denies Rumours

Washington, Jan. 9.—Gen. George Marshall, Secretary of State, today denied reports that he would resign if Congress failed to give him adequate funds to carry out the European recovery programme.

"It would be inconsistent with everything I have learnt in public service," he said.

"I might be asked to retire, but that is a different matter,"—Reuter.

All-India Tennis

Madras, Jan. 9.—In the All-India tennis singles semi-finals, Bergelin beat Appa Rao 6-1, 6-3, and Johansson beat A. E. Owen 8-0, 6-3.

In the doubles quarter-finals, Johansson and Bergelin beat Thatam Menon 7-5, 6-2. Johansson and Bergelin beat Appa Rao and Maryana Rao 6-4, 6-3 in the semi-finals.

In the mixed doubles quarter-finals, Miss Khanna and Johansson beat Mrs Tew and Tow 7-5, 6-0. Miss Woodbridge and Bergelin beat Miss Roberts and F. C. Desaram 3-0, 6-0, 7-5.—Reuter.

British Zone Food Crisis

London, Jan. 9.—Urgent top-level consultations are going on among ministers and officials dealing with occupied Germany here today in an effort to deal with the worsening of food supplies in the British zone and to prevent a repetition of the springtime food crisis of last year.

Responsible quarters here are fully aware of the deterioration of the effective rations in the zone, and particularly in the Ruhr, even before the outbreak of local strikes drew attention to it.

The rations effectively distributed, had fallen from around 1,500 calories for normal consumers to some 1,234 calories by the end of the last rationing period, with each week's actual distribution lagging somewhat behind the rationing called up.

The distribution in some areas is slightly higher and more effectively supplemented by "black market" supplies, but the downward trend has been noticeable and the process has not so far been checked.

The failure to maintain the rations is entirely due to the virtual collapse in the distribution of potatoes, meats and fats as between the different German states.

The refusal of the states to share their surplus fairly, despite orders from the bi-zonal food office, has been one of the principal reasons for strengthening the central powers in the bi-zonal reorganisation now proposed by the British and Americans.—Reuter.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcels close 20 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail close before 10 a.m., registered and parcels will close at 2 p.m. on previous day.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10
Closing Times By Air
Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin, Canton, Peking, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy, 3.30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Macao, Tientsin & Shekhi (Sea) 1 p.m.
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.
Canton (Sea) 3 p.m.
Japan (ordinary letters & cards only) (Sea) 2 p.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 3 p.m.
Canada (Parcels only) via Vancouver, B.C. (Sea) 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin, Shekhi & Hongkong (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11
Closing Times By Air
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 10 a.m.
Canton, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, 10 a.m.
Kunming, Calcutta and Kweilin, 10 a.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Macao, Tientsin, Shekhi & Hongkong (Sea) 10 a.m.
Canton (Train) 10 a.m.
Swatow (Sea) 10 a.m.
Bangkok (Sea) 10 a.m.
Closing Times By Air
Manila, P.I., 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai, 9.30 a.m.
Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, 3.30 p.m.
Canton, Tientsin, Shekhi & Hongkong, Swatow and Foochow, 3.30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.
Macao, Tientsin & Shekhi (Sea) 8 a.m.
Saigon and Haiphong (Sea) 10 a.m.
Batavia, Ceylon, East and South Africa, Bombay, Egypt and Europe via Liverpool (Sea) 1 p.m.

CHURCHILL RECEIVES VISITORS

Marrakesh, Jan. 9.—The first public visitor to see Mr Winston Churchill, since Lord Moran issued a reassurance about his patient, will be Si Hadj Tami El Glaoui Pasha, of Marrakesh, who is to lunch with Mr Churchill tomorrow.

El Glaoui Pasha, one of the richest men in all Africa, who leads nearly a million people in tribal splendour and omnipotence, is an old friend of Mr Churchill.

Lord Churchill, Mr Churchill's scientific adviser during the war, who arrived here by special plane today to help Mr Churchill finish his book, will also attend the luncheon.

Although Britain's wartime leader has put Marrakesh on the world map, the town itself sees very little of him, usually only a fleeting glimpse in the afternoon when, after a morning's work on his book, he passes by in one of El Glaoui Pasha's cars, heading for or returning from his favourite valley in the Atlas Mountains with his paints and easel, but in the streets and cafes and in the bustling teeming square or market place the talk is mainly of him.—Reuter.

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